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NEWS FROM FOREIGN LANDS

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS DISCUSSED BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.

The Brutal Treatment of the Natives of the Dark Continent by the British Army Rehearsed—Uncle Noah Baxter's English.

It is said here that the oldest Englishman living does not remember seeing so much rain fall in the same year as has fallen in this country during the last nine months. This long "weeping over head" began the latter part of August last, and from that time up to Jan. 1, 1897 we have had eighteen wet Saturdays. This made it very unpleasant for foot-ballers because they have their great matches on the Jew's Sunday, and the rain kept the games from being well attended, hence there was not so much of the "root of all evil" taken at the gates of the play grounds as gold loving "John Bull" would have liked. On first-class football grounds there is space provided for 10,000 to 30,000 spectators, and the price of admission is one shilling; reserved seats, five shillings. But the rain was not content in drowning the old year, but baptised the new one as soon as it was born. The average wet days per week since last September have been five. On the 22nd of January (this year) the rain changed its color and weight, and fell very softly. The waters in ponds stiffened themselves, and the English enjoyed skating for a few days. But the rain, which only took a ten day's holiday, returned with renewed vigor, and the snow, even the great heaps of it that had been taken out of cities and put in open places, was all melted away within twelve hours. This happened at the beginning of February, and since then it has rained nearly every day. March came in with such force and with such a bluster that I fear it made a greater impression on the masses than does the good advice of B. Square's Bluster.

The winter has been, from a political standpoint, a quiet one. The Armenian question has vanished more and more from the English mind ever since the visit of the Emperor of Russia to this country. But Greece, having been smitten once again, as of old, with the war fever, the Great English Greek scholar, W. E. Gladstone, Esq., ex-Prime Minister, has been trying to push, by letter and pamphlet, this country to take Greece's part and wage war against Turkey, but Lord Salisbury witholds the sword, knowing that if sure a war were waged at this time, it would be regarded by the millions of Mohammedans as a war against their religion, and all India would rise up in defence of the greatest and most powerful prince and ruler of their faith. So the European powers have decided to take charge of Crete. Pending the developments of events in South Africa, England is obliged, at present, to hold all her forces in reserve. The inquiry into the Jameson raid on the Transvaal Republic, is still going on, but the leader in South Africa, of all the evils, death, destruction, race hatred, race prejudice, selfishness and greed, Cecil Rhodes is likely to go "Scot free." Jameson, Rhodes' faithful tool, passed a few months of sham imprisonment. Some of the witnesses on the South African inquiry say that gold is the cause of the raid; everybody knows that to be hard truth. Slight mention has been made during the inquiry of the natives, and the question, "why are they discontented" was asked. Everybody in this country knows that the natives are discontented because England allowed Rhodes and his chartered company to take the lands, goods and chattel away from the black men and give them or sell them to white men, and then force the natives to work for them for their "vittles" and "fig leaf" or starve.

It is estimated that Rhodes and his army killed ten thousand young black warriors last autumn, and God only knows how many women, children and old men he starved to death. The armies under the command of British officers, be the men black or white in Africa burn all the huts of the natives while persuing the enemy. This is a most heartless and a most cruel thing for the black soldiers from the West Indies and from the West Coast of Africa to do. "The Benin Puritan Expedition" has reached and burnt Benin City, but the king has not been caught. Patrols are sent in all directions to look for him, and wherever they find that the fugitives from Benin City have built new huts they burn them down, while the natives quietly watch their handiwork consumed by the flames. That is what the English newspapers report. The Lagos Weekly Record may be able to give your readers more favorable news of the British Army.

The Queen of Madagascar, like the Empress of France, is now only an Ex. The Republic dethroned them both, but it was not the fault of the Madagascar soldiers that the queen was so dishonored, neither that that people lost self-government. The army of yon island was equipped and drilled by English officers, and had the English not sold to the Queen's Minister, who was inexperienced in modern warfare, the old guns of thirty years ago, I believe that the noble lady would still occupy the throne. The French said, and they were right, that England was planning to take the island. France allowed the commerce of old guns between England and Madagascar to go on until the war caisse of the latter was nearly empty. Then the French Government decided that a time when the English Government was held by the Egyptian question, to take the island. The French Minister war was ordered to command a certain number of soldiers for the expedition, and in a few hours they were ready and armed with the most powerful and the best destroyers of human life and human rights that ever were invented. A small cry went up in this country against the conquest of the island, but that cry ended in the English hiring ships to the French to convey their soldiers thither, and the English officers—who have cheated both the queen and her army—sneaking back to Britain and leaving the queen and her subjects to their fate. The British officers would not have left the island had not the English sold such guns to the inhabitants as they did to the Zulas before this country waged the last disgraceful war against the people.

The French conquered Madagascar, and scarcely a French soldier fell by shot or shell. Not so with the Italians in Abyssinia. The Frenchman was there before the war and he staid there during the war. Why? because he had sold guns to the Abyssinians, which he knew were equal to any that the Italians could put in the field, and the result the world knows. So would it have been in Madagascar were it not entered into the blood of the Anglo-Saxon that "a black man has no right that a white man is bound to respect." A year ago England sent an army up the Nile to destroy the Dervishes and to flank the Abyssinians so as to give Italy a chance to force her will on the Ethiopia that once stretched out her hand. But the Ethiopian was always a brave man, and the French having sold him good guns, the English Government is sending a mission there now to ask the Emperor Menelek to be quiet until the Anglo-Egyptian army shall have smashed the Dervish power, and then as the army returns to Egypt it will pass through Abyssinia, take the Emperor and send him on a sea voyage to St. Helen to die in the chair or on the bed of the Great Napoleon.

It is said that West Africa is the white man's grave. If that be so, why does not the Lagos Weekly use all its moral and mental force to found there a great self-governing black Republic? Such a state would push the progress of the race along. There are too men of color in this country who are champions in their respective arts, of the Anglo-Saxon world. The Indian Prince is champion of all cricketers, and Peter Jackson is champion of all pugilists. In professions the word champion is not often used, but I know of one singer who was called the "Darky Champion." Titles, such as "Black Patti," "Black Simms Reeves" and "Black Foli," have been given to swarthy singers from the States, but I have never heard of any one of these singing in a first class concert where the artists are paid from one hundred to five hundred dollars for two songs. These swarthy singers sang and sing in Music Halls where men are allowed to smoke, and where no first class English singer would sing. Why is not the good singers engaged at first class concerts? It is because the English are not in a hurry about pushing the progress of the race along. Celeste Edwards of West Indies was called here, one of the best debaters in the world. Hon. Fred Douglass was known and honored in this country as a great orator. The English were often afraid that he would begin speaking in behalf of the Africans in their own country, and thus frustrate a little, the British idea to civilize them by Maxim Guns and poverty. I have often wondered why that great hero did not speak for the Africans and enter into some sort of arbitration with the British Government on their behalf. I hope your readers will pardon me for having felt very sad when I learned that there was no man of color in President McKinley's Cabinet. Such an office, if the man was truly a race man, would push the progress of the race along. There is much national economy and a great deal of mental and moral philosophy in Uncle Noah Baxter's broken English.

Bradford is a cloth manufacturing town, and done up to date, most of her business with the states, but since the United States have gone in for protection, trade is bad here. The iron trade is good all over England. There has been several small strikes throughout the United Kingdom during the winter, the latest and most novel one being a corps of newspaper reporters at Preston, the editor of a daily paper having refused to give them more wages, they all left him. In spite of the cold winds and very much cold rain, all nature is beginning to show signs of life. The buds on the trees and on all shrubbery are only waiting a few day's sun to make them burst forth into full blossom, and if the Eskimo's God succeeds in warming the winds and keeping away the clouds, we shall have the great pleasure of seeing at Easter the earth with verdure clad.

Aurevoir, Monsieur,
Notre tout devoue,
J. T.,

Bradford, England, April 2, '97.

Shreveport Dots.

Shreveport, La., Special.

Mrs. Caroline Jackson's residence was burned Monday evening on Christian street. Rev. L. Allen, sr., has been called to pastor the New Zion church at Magenta. Prof. W. D. Jackson of Canton, Miss., is giving excellent phonographic exhibitions in the city. Prof. P. B. S. Paul, who has been teaching in Caddo Parish, returned to his home at Benton. Miss Carrie Bender has re-opened her private school at the Gallilee Hall. Rev. S. H. Ralph, editor of the Shreveport Watchman, has built a new church in West Shreveport. Call for The Freeman at H. W. Duncan's barber shop. Rev. H. R. Flynn is conducting a revival at his church in Monroe. Wm. Wallace has returned home from Streights University. Jas P. Starks will travel with the blind boy, Little Oscar. A colored man was run over by a bicycle rider, and very badly injured. The rider was killed in the accident. W. T. Dortch greets The Freeman agent with a smile and money when the paper is delivered to him. R. C. Jennings, who is working in the city, paid a flying visit to his home at Minden. See W. H. Flynn for The Freeman every Saturday.

MICHIGAN'S FAVORITE SON

WHO WILL BE HANDSOMELY REWARDED.

Robert Pelham Jr., Strongly Endorsed, Will Be the First Afro-American to Be Recognized by the Present Administration.

Washington, D. C. Special.

The Middle West, and especially the great states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, figured most prominently in the campaign of 1896. Both parties seemed to centre their greatest effort and energy upon the winning of those great common wealths. All signs point to the fact that the near future political battles will find these states the storm centre of political actions. The coming conflicts are to be won and lost within the confines of these states.

President McKinley seems to appreciate the situation and three of the eight members of his official family have been chosen from these four pivotal states. Other important appointments have fallen to these states and they are yet to fall. Naturally enough, and in common with the rest of the dominant party the Afro-American is wondering what is to be his share in the responsibilities of holding office. Who of the favorite sons are to be chosen to share in the honors and to enjoy the emoluments of State. From practically every county in the state, in which you will find the colored vote in evidence, and with a unanimity which is something marvelous, have gone forth, to the powers that be, letters of indorsement, which in no uncertain way express the preferences of this class of Michigan's voting population, to whose loyal vote the Republican party of Michigan owes more than one victory. If President McKinley is desirous of recognizing the Afro-Americans here seems to be a golden opportunity, here is an appointment that can be made without friction and with complete satisfaction everywhere.

The Freeman's readers will no doubt be pleased to know something of the man who has been able to thus secure the unanimous indorsement of his home state to his ambition for presidential favor.

Robert Pelham, jr., was the second son and the fifth child of Robert and Frances Pelham, and was born Jan. 4, 1859, in Petersburg, Va. It had long been growing upon Robert Pelham pere, that while Virginia his own native state afforded unrivalled opportunities in a business way for himself, gave no promise for his children. The advent of the second Robert, and a growing belief that war between the North and South was imminent and unavoidable settled the question in favor of early removal to the North. Little Robert was but four months old when the Pelham's took their way Westward They first settled in Columbus, O., but still being dissatisfied, and having friends in Detroit, decided on this city as a permanent dwelling place.

The advent of the war, emancipation of slavery, gradual recognition of the black man, and the ultimate elmination of all class legislation and distinction in Michigan found young Robt grown into a rather mischievious youngst of 12 at which early age, and while yet in attendance at school he began his business career as newspaper carrier boy for the Detroit Daily Post, then owned by the late Senator Zachariah Chandler. He graduated from the Detroit high school in 1877, and while in this school secured three years military training as a member of the Detroit High School Cadets, the organization out of which has grown the military schools of to day, this company being a pioneer of its kind. Upon his graduation from the Detroit High School, young Mr. Pelham accepted a permanent situation with the Detroit Post, and gradually rose from place to place until 1884 he was appointed Superintendent of the Mailing and Subscription Department of what was then the Metropolitan Republican newspaper of the State. So satisfactory was the service rendered the company in that capacity, that in conjunction with his younger brother Benjamin, was awarded this branch of the newspaper work by contract. A contract which for labor alone involved the expenditure annually upwards of $5,000. It was at this time that the subject of this sketch, evinced a race pride that permitted him never to hire a white boy when a colored youth could be found to do the work. In March, 1891, after about twenty years service with the Post and its various successors, he and and his brother Ben resigned their positions with the company and threw up their contract, owing to a change in the ownership of the paper. In speaking of Mr. Pelham, Mr. James H. Stone, who for many years was manager of the paper and for three years had been one of the principal owners of the paper said: "Mr. Pelham was in the employ of the Tribune for many years while I was the publisher and I take sincere pleasure in testifying to his high character and excellent ability. No where could be found a more reliable representative of the large body of Afro-Americans in the State than Mr. Pelham. He is man of education, business experience, high integrity and great industry."

In addition to his duties as manager of the Plaindealer and his duties with the Tribune, in 1887 he was appointed a Deputy Oil Inspector for the city of Detroit by Governor Luce, which position he held during the four years of the administration of that official, being succeeded by a Democrat who was appointed by one of the very few Democratic governors, Michigan has ever had. Governor Luce in speaking of Mr. Pelham, said: "Mr. Pelham served under my administration in a responsible position with honor and credit to himself. He is a man of education, culture and character, is noted for strict fidelity in the discharge of any and all assumed duties. He is in all weather a Republican—is strong with the people of his race and an honor to them."

After leaving the Tribune Mr. Pelham was appointed a special agent of the General Land office by Secretary Noble of the Interior Department, and in July, 1891, was assigned to duty in Marquette, Mich., land office, but was soon recalled and sent on an expedition in company with Major Ralph Ballin, of Mississippi, another special agent, to investigate the reported timber trespass on the Fond du Lac Indian Reservation in Minnesota. This proved to be one of the most important timber trespass cases ever investigated by the Special Service division of the land office, and during a visit to Washington some time after the filing of his report, Mr. Pelham was gratified to learn that his reports were considered among the best ever sent to the department by a special agent.

Soon after the election of Mr. Cleveland in 1892, Mr. Pelham returned to Detroit on April 5, 1893, was united in Marriage to Miss Grabriella S. Lewis, of Adrain, and now has one younger Mr. Pelham. In 1893 he was appointed Inspector of the Water department of the city government. Mr. Pelham is a stockholder and one of the original members of the Michigan club, the pioneer Republican club of the county, was a delegate to the first convention of Republican clubs in New York City in December, 1887

In the campaign just closed, Mr. Pelham was one of the early advocates of Major McKinley as a Presidential possibility, and was secretary of a McKinley club which met early last spring. He was mentioned as a possible candidate for alternate delegate-at-large for the state and on the unsolicited support of the influential members of Wayne county delegation, but declined in favor of Mr. Henry Heigh, who was the president of Detroit's McKinley club. At the St. Louis convention Mr. Pelham was appointed assistant sergeant-at-arms of the convention and was assigned to special duty on the floor of the convention. Mr. Pelham and his brother, Prof. Jos. H. Pelham, of Hannibal, Mo., had the distinction of being the only two Afro-Americans who actually served in the capacity as sergeant-at-arms at the convention.

When the Afro-American bureau of the Republican National Committee was established in Chicago, with Ferdinand L. Barnett, of Chicago, as chief, Mr. Pelham was tendered and accepted the position of committeeman for the state of Michigan. He at once threw all of his energy into the work. For his work upon this committee, Mr. Pelham was highly commended by the National Republican committee, and received a gold medal, mention of which has already been made in the columns of The Freeman.

WATCHMAN.

HON. ROBERT PELHAM, JR.,

Of Detroit, Mich., whose endorsements are "gilt edge," and "make a volume that would do credit to an applicant for an Ambassador to England."

party victory within the borders of 3 of these 4 four states the keenest rivalry has awakened by those seeking preferments. And while the battle goes merrily on in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio, Michigan occupies the unique position of being practically united on one man, and from this fact it would seem that the Afro-Americans of Michigan would be the first recognized by the administration. It is singular, and the more singular because there is plenty of available timber, but Michigan has but one Afro-American who is seeking presidential preferment and he is absolutely without opposition of any kind Aside from this Mr. Pelham's indorsements are gilt edge and it would not seem that they are lacking in a single essential point. Republicans of all shades of party belief and from the inevitable, different factions seem to vie with one another in the heartiness of manner in urging the appointment of Mr. Pelham. Everyone almost, who was in anyway identified with the active campaign work of last fall, has loaned his indorsement to aid his candidacy. Mr. Pelham's work during the campaign has won the encomiums of all those who were in position to know of its thoroughness. Consequently among his indorsers may be found Mr. Geo. L. Maltz, national committeeman from Michigan, D. M. Ferry, the chairman of the State Central Committee, C. W. Watkins, the vice chairman of the Central Committee. Ex-Governors Rich and Luce have joined with the present Governor Pingree and the other state officers in recommending him, Congressman Corliss and the other Republican members of Congress heartily favor his appointment; nearly every member of the State Legislature have joined in a petition indorsing and recommending him, members of the State Central Committee from all sections and almost every county committeeman has added his testimony as to the value of Mr. Pelham's services to the party.

And not least among his sponsors are the leading and influential Afro-Americans of the

News and Notes

Houston, Tex., Special.

On a visit to the Bristol Hotel I met J. S. Dennis who accompanied me through the hotel where the other waiters were. They all promised to help the paper, among whom were Robert Hoyer, headwaiter, T. J. Jenkins, Robert Banks, Geo. Sanders, Wm. Mason, and C. Banks, better known as the English Lord. J. S. Dennis never fails to put in a good word for The Freeman and the agent. The Temperance Women's Union is still doing a good work. Mrs. A. J. Wakefield read a paper on "Temperance" the other day. The paper was commented on, and will be printed in phamphlet form by the Union. The ministers of the city met on the 5th and organized a Minister's Union. The object is to abolish Sunday traffic and policy. Rev. Dr. P. C. Hunt, D. D., of the A. M. E. church was elected president; Hon. Robert Gleed of the Baptist church, elected vice president, and Rev. A. R. Calhoun, A. M., of the C. M. E. church, secretary. Rev. Robert White of the Baptist church was elected corresponding secretary. Rev. L. Burton of the M. E. treasure; committee on contribution and by-laws: Rev. P. C. Hunt, D. D., Rev. F. L. Lights, D. D., of the Baptist church, Rev. E. H. Branch of the Baptist, and Rev. A. R. Calhoun, secretary.

Memphis Mites.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Miss Fannie Ware has returned from Mound Bayou, Miss. Alex. Ferguson died at his home on Madison street, Sunday night of consumption. Mrs. Woodberry, of Boston, Mass., was in the city last week traveling in the interest of the American Missionary society. She gave a lecture at the Second Congregational church Sunday night that was interesting. One of the gayest evening parties of the season was given at the home of Miss Mary Pope Wednesday night, April 7th. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion and all had a pleasant time. At 12 o'clock the doors of the dining room were thrown open and a bountiful repast was served. Those present were Misses P. Crawford, E. West, L. and R. Washington, M. Hall, M. Pope, Messrs. G. Pope, C. Branch, W. Woodruff, S. Reeves, A. Doss, J. Gettes.

CHARACTERS OF THE RACE

DISCUSSED BY D. P. BROWN, OF NEW YORK—A MARKED

Improvement Noticed in the Periodical Literature of the Afro-American Press—The New Negro's Realization of Citizenship.

During the last three or four years a very great change has taken place in the character of the periodical literature of the Afro-American. This has been noticed and sometimes spoken of by the more observant. A few years ago the keynote of editorials and contributions was the race problem. The discussion took one of two directions: either the race was praised in most intemperate and exaggerated terms, or the prejudice of the whites was denounced as the cause of all our ills. These same characteristics distinguished our orators. All of us can remember how popular it was a few years ago to call off a long list of great men; and to point with pride to a long list of great race achievments, such as banks, railroads, merchantile houses, Greek books used in the best colleges of the country, etc., etc., until the exhaustless list would be cut off by the shouting of the excited audience. Orators and writers of this type were sincere; and fully believed all that they said. On those days the public man who dared ever to hint that there were any defects in the progress of the race, was branded as a traitor and driven from the arena.

The far-sighted Frederick Douglass, and the dauntless Bishop J. M. Brown were about the only prominent men of the race, a few years ago, who boldly pointed out the extravagance of prevailing notions; and who fearlessly directed attention to the actual conditions. But a radical change has already taken place; and now the writers, speakers and workers among us are intensely practical, clear-headed and scientific. Instead of futile efforts to distort history and hitch the Negro with the Egyptians, the leaders of to-day begin their study of the Afro-American, by considering the facts of the case. The character of the race is being studied the tendencies are being observed; the achievements are being correctly valued; and the helps and hindrances to future growth and advancement are being intelligently recognized and considered.

Indeed the Afro-American press and platform of to-day are in harmony with the spirit of intelligence of the civilization that surrounds it as a result superstitions and extravagant notions are being driven forth, and practical notion of the life and the stern duties of life are coming more and more to the front, There are only certain scattered districts where an alarmist like Bishop Turner could blaze up like a sky-rocket and set the multitudes to talk of going to Africa. The people are getting down to business and are relentlessly tramping under foot every uncalled for institution, notion or practice of the part that does not contribute to the welfare of the present.

The thinking portion of the people are realizing, the meaning of citizenship, and of the life struggle, and are slowly beginning to see the qualities that are essential to success. New ideas of education, religion, men and measures, are swiftly coming into prominence. The voodoo doctor is turned from with disgust and contempt by the intelligent Negro of to-day. Just as truly will the ranting, shouting preacher be laid aside by the intelligent Negro of to-morrow. With the voodoo doctor is also disappearing, the superstitions which once made his success possible. With the exponents of a worn out religion will also disappear the fake notions of life and duty; that were their shield and hiding-place. The old time religious notions have had their day, and have performed their mission. Those ideas of religion which would enable a man to live in a dirty cabin, full of leaks and filth, and yet feel like he was on his steady march to glory, have lost their grip upon the thoughtful. That kind of religion that would permit a man to contentedly neglect all noble activities of life and postpone his exertion of higher powers until the day that he shall stand with the multitude that John saw, is no longer full of charms. The new Negro keenly realizes that he is a citizen of earth and a member of society and that he is under high and binding moral obligations as such. He is awakening to a sense of the loss that he sustains by letting the opportunities of the present slip out of his fingers. In short, the new Negro is becoming full of the living instincts of civilized manhood. The dawn of this new phase of race notions, is the dawn of the manhood of the Afro-American. The same progress that has marked the press and the platform, is also shown in the church and in the pulpit. It is not yet so general or so pronounced, but it as real. Errors in religious notions and practices always yield very slowly. Men contend for a religious ideas or custom as stubbornly as they fight for life. There are still vast numbers who believe in the old notions of religion without morals, and who uphold them with unflinching fanaticism.

D. B. BROWN.

Albany, N. Y.

Church News Notes.

Shuqualak, Miss., Special.

Dr. H. R. Revels held his first quarterly conference at Asbury Chapel at 2:30 p. m., with a full attendance. Dr Revels presiding Wm. Neese was selected secretary. There was some interesting questions appealed from the board to the conference. It was desided that J. M. Constatine is the treasurer. A. J. Perkins left for Fair Hill to attend the S. S. Convention. B. T. Teer has been invited to lecture, at Running Water Examination, his subject was, "Get on the scales of improvement and Freeman." Dr. H. R. Revels spoke to the Sunday school, his subject was "Infidelity." L. J. Terrell preached at 11 a. m Bro. Whitehead, a minister of the A. M. E. church participated in communion. Collection $10.00.

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

EDWARD ELMORE BROCK'S COMMENTS ON THE TOPICS

And Doings of the Day From His Point of View—About Some Very Ugly Old Pictures Which Need New Framing.

Which way the subject theme may gang,
Let time or chance determine,
Perhaps it may turn out a song,
Or probably a sermon.

Are we a nation of liars? Now don't get startled; I know those are pretty hard lines on which to open my comments this week, but I have learned pretty thoroughly that the majority of us are not like the immortal George—who never told a "fib." It may be a wee mite of a lie, or probably it is a great big "whopper," but let it be big or small—it's a lie for a that.

She was a devoted church member, a devout christian, a member of the Baptist church. She was in arrears with her rent, and the landlord had called to collect on the same. Having no money, she felt she could not face him, so she told her daughter to tell him she was out, then hid herself in the closet. He was a millionaire banker, and had the name of being a philanthropist, for he gave away millions of dollars to universities and colleges of the Baptist faith of wnich he was considered a pillar. But during business hours if any one called upon him that he knew he could not fleece anything out of, he had his clerks and messengers coached to say Mr. So-and-So was not in it, while he at that very moment would be puffing away on his Havana in his private office.

She was a hard working soul and a devout christian. She ran a laundry and of course she was a good thing for street agents and door-to-door canvassers. They would persuade her to buy this, that or the other thing on time and thereafter storm the door every day in the week to collect on the same. Well, that poor woman's soul-case was nearly worn out. Every day in the week she was out—that is, according to the story her son told.

He was a Methodist clergyman; the church was never so prosperous until he came—one of those "singing crying" sort of fellows that could make you feel that heaven was right here on earth. A poor human being laid on his afflicted couch in almost the last agonies of death. He was not a member of any church, so hearing of the good work of this clergyman they sent for him to come and see the young man. Why don't you get the minister to whose church he attends he replied? Well, the reason, is sir, he doesn't belong to any church, the young lady answered. Alright, says he, I'll be there in the course of an hour. Where does he live? She gave him the address. The young man is dead and burried, but this minister never got there to see him. A white minister whose church was just around the corner did see him to good effect, and from his church he was burried, and so can you wonder why I beg the question? Are we a nation of liars?

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Our greatest drawback. I doubt if there was an enterprise started by Afro-Americans, that no matter how lofty the aim, or however honest the intentions, that there were not a few envious souls that stood ready to cry it down. This is to-day the greatest barrier to Afro-American success and the chief reason why we are no further advanced in commercial spheres than what we are. In this advanced age of civilization and enlightment, such a state of affairs is sadly to be deplored, for we find that not only among the illiterate class does this exist, but in a greater and more marked degree by those who claim superior intelligence, and are looked upon as leaders and shining lights of the race. If one attempts to gain a certain goal, there always stands another ready to pull him back. You must and shall not get above me seems to be their fixed motto. Ah! brothers and sisters, you have much yet to learn. If you can not help another up the hill you certainly will gain nothing by trying to pull him back. Enviousness is a demon and a monster, and until you learn to live in union and love thy neighbor as thyself you may never hope to win the respect and esteem of other races.

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I have read a good deal lately in our journals about the work of Afro-American women's societies and unions, organized throughout the country, according to their preamble and constitution for the uplifting of women of the race in general, championing the cause of the persecuted, seeking out and extending a helping hand to the fallen and needy, but are they doing it? Are they really helping the needy and deserving? Do they seek out the fallen? Do you know of a case where these women have gone into the slums as does Mrs. Ballington Booth of the Volunteers and her able corps of women to find and bring them forth? These questions are asked in all honesty and fairness, because the writer never remembers reading or hearing of such work and its results in our journals, or the published reports of these unions.

It is true that the Woman's Union here in New York City did give a grand reception in a large hall for the benefit of Miss Opinion Moulder and presented her with a neat little purse of $500, but of course Miss Opinion Moulder was the editor and publisher of a newspaper, who had been sent a drift from her own city, and so really needed the money more than the poor miserable soul and her six children that was at that very time starving to death in a more miserable garret. What if the members did advertise a testimonial reception to Miss Young School Teacher in honor of her victory over the board of education, surely this young lady was also more deserving of the financial returns from this entertainment than would be that poor soul who with all her little children was about to be dispossessed because she had not the where-withal to pay her rent. It is true also that the president of the Union did entertain in royal style, by dinners, etc., Miss Ink Slinger from the South on her arrival in the city, to which she invited numbers of her intellectual friends of the colored "400" to join her inpaying homage to Miss Ink Slinger's genius, but would it not have been better according to the constitution and by-laws of the union and considering the hard times and sufferings of the past winter, had the president sought the co-operation of Miss Ink Slinger and other members of the colored "400" in an effort to find clothing and nourishment for the suffering Afro-Americans throughout the city? Now these questions are not asked from any sense of bitterness at all, but simply from a feeling of justness and that those who run may read.

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What comical funny things we run across in the perusal of our weekly newspapers nowadays. Take for instance this article of weekly occurrence: "Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So are the happy parents of a ten-pound boy. Mother and child are doing well." Well, all I've got to say to Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So, is that there are thousands of others in the same boat, but the world is not any the wiser for it.

Then a little further down the column you run across one that reads like this: "It was noticed that Miss Dresswell wore the finest costume at the Steplively Club's reception the other evening. It was of the finest and richest brocaded satin, trimmed with Spanish lace, etc." Now Miss Dresswell's stunning costume was not loud enough to speak for itself at the reception, and of course she was passed over, but the public must know it at any cost. So she writes it up for next week's issue herself and encloses a $ and mails it to the paper, and that's how it gets in and the paid advertisement does not appear at the end of it. Oh yes, the woods are full of vain people; don't think they are all dead yet, for you'll only live to realize that you are mistaken.

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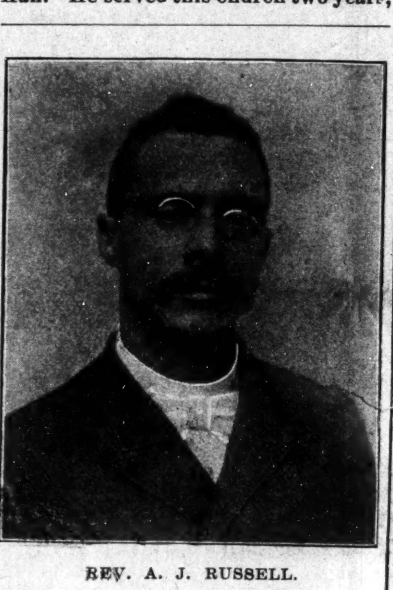
Rev. A. J. Russell, the subject of this sketch, was born in Kentucky June 4, 1856. He began a christian life when quite a boy. In 1878 he moved to Kansas, and in 1884 was made an itinerant minister by Bishop Ward, and by him was assigned to Ottawa, Kan. He served this church two years,



REV. A. J. RUSSELL.

and paid a heavy indebtedness against the church and built a neat parsonage. In 1885 he was transferred to Arkansas and appointed to Helena. At this place he added many christian souls to the church, built a parsonage and completed work on church begun before his administration. He made many warm friends in this city. One of the leading papers said of him, "No man has ever left Helena loved by as many friends" Rev. Russell was appointed to Pine Bluff, Ark., in 1888. He served this place five years, an honor never conferred upon any minister before in this section. The church was heavily in debt and greatly in need of repairs. Not being a man to remain idle when work is to be done, he at once began operations to build a new church and parsonage By his untiring zeal he succeeded; the church, the largest of the A. M. E. connection in the state, is a monument to this christian gentleman. As an evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren of this state, he was elected twice as a delegate to the General Conference. In June, 1894, he was transferred to the state of Mississippi and appointed to Natchez. In this city he labored two years. His success here was phenomenal During his last revival held in this city more than 150 souls were added to the church. His affable manners worked him into the confidence of the people. He increased the dollar money from $75 reported the year before his pastorate to $221, the largest amount ever carried from the church. Much to the surprise and regret of this church, he was sent to Vicksburg, Miss. He met a kind, faithful and energetic people. His first year's labor, through a very contagious disease, small pox, was prevalent a great part of his administration, was flattering He is doing a grand work. The Sabbath school under his pastorate is one of the leading Sabbath schools in the entire connection. Rev. Russell is one of the few ministers of the A. M. E. church whose labors have been attended with success He well deserves the honor conferred upon him by the Christian Recorder in saying: "He is a living success." He is an exemplary christian gentleman.

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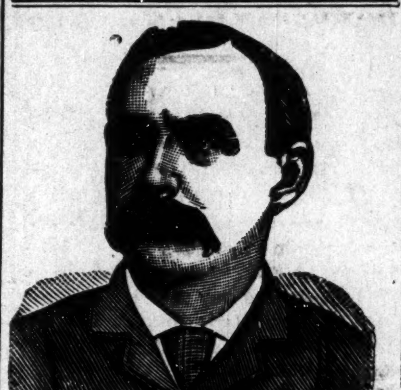

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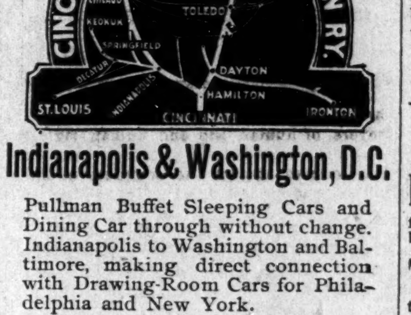

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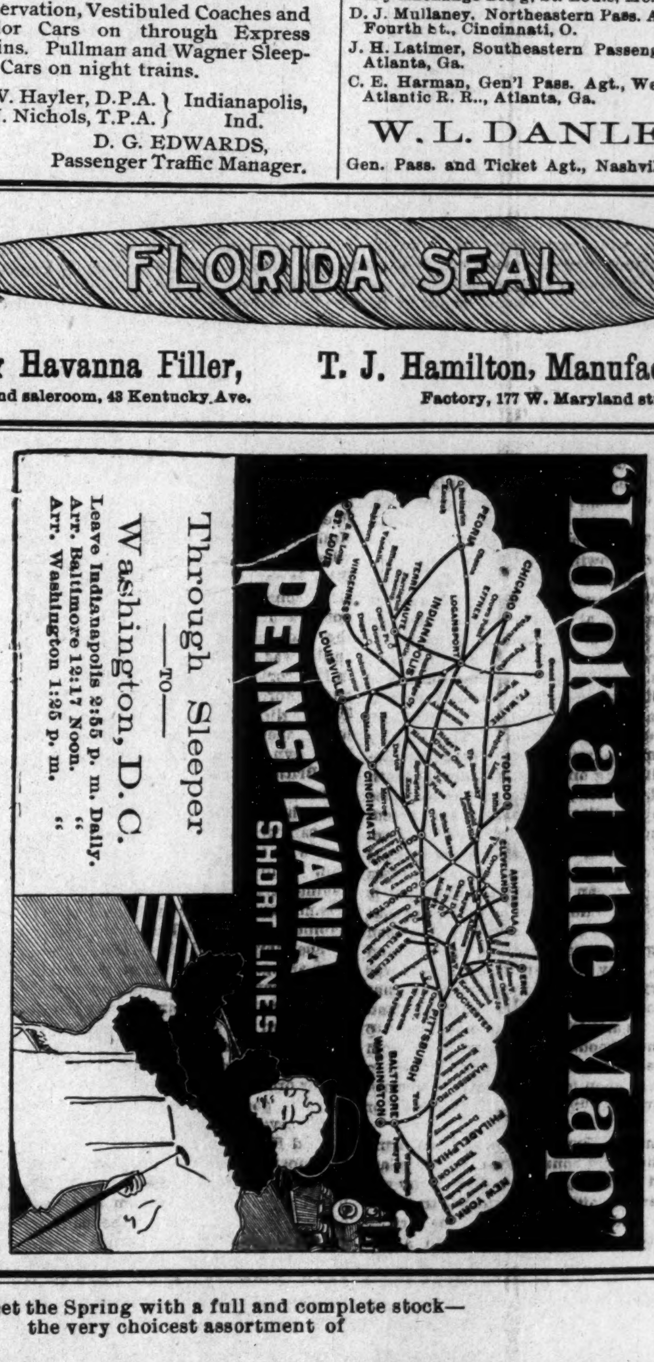

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SPECIAL ATTENTION IS BEING BROUGHT TO HIS MORAL

And Physical Shortcomings—An Extract From the Baltimore Conference Minutes of the A. M. E. Church in 1890.

There seems to be now a disposition to invite special attention to the moral and physical shortcomings of the Negro, and to deduce therefrom, an argument against his social and political advancement. This discussion of the Negro's sores is a good thing, because he himself is not only listening to it, but is taking part in it. This shows how rapid has been his evolution. A few years ago he always put in a denial when ugly truths were said about him. Now he admits the facts, and diligently inquires how he may remedy his condition. Years ago, when I would tell my race of their excessive bastardy, and excessive death rate, the only reply and reward I would receive, would be hisses and outrageous denunciation. But now all this is changed If a Hoffman discovers great "breaks," in the Negr's glass house, Professor Dubois sees greater ones. Negro editors, North and South;-Negro preachers, teachers, and physicians, all see these things, and are bringing them forward. When people will see the truth they are half-saved.

The following extracts from the Baltimore Conference minutes of the African, M. E. church in 1890 will show some first steps in investigating the excessive mortality of colored people. On motion by Dr.T.G. Steward a committee was appointed to inquire into the mortality of the colored people in the city of Baltimore, and vicinity. Dr. T. G, Steward, Chairman of the Committee on Mortality reported as follows:

The fact seems to be fairly settled that the death rate among the people, classed as colored, living in our larger cities is much higher in the main than among the whites. It does not seem to be the case among the rural population. The colored people in the counties do not seem to die faster than do the whites. This fact alone tends to show that the colored people are not necessarily shorter lived than are whites, and leads us to suspect that if they die faster than as they come tolive side by side with them in the cities, it must be owing to special cause. In seeking to discover the causes which lead to this result, it is well to observe that the battle of life and death is carried on with much more severity in the city than in the country. Farmers are the longest lived people in the world. Hence it requires more intelligence, more skill to live in the city than in the country. Conditons of life are furnished by nature in the country; in the city they must be furnished by art in large measure. Within the past few years the colored people have moved from the country to the city in very large numbers. These people know country life, but know nothing of city life. They are compelled as a rule, to occupy inferior quarters, and are generally poor. The three great evils which tend to destroy life among them, may be put under about the following heads: First, living in overheated and badly ventilated houses. Second, neglecting sleep, or falling to go to bed at night. Third, indulging in various festivities in hot and unventilated halls or church basements, and keeping them too long at a time, and especially keeping them up too late at night In view of the importance of this whole subject, and the impossibility of treating the subject with the thoroughness it demands, your committee recommends the following:

"Resolved, That the ministers of this Conference are earnestly requested to consider this matter, and to inform themselves on the subject, especially of public hygiene, and to bring it before the people on all possible occasions, in sermons, lectures and addresses.

"Resolved, That Conference appoint Dr. J. M. Cargill to especially look up this subject, and prepare a paper to be read before us at our next session.

Respectfully submitted,
T. G. STEWARD,
I. F. ALDRIDGE,
J. H. COLLETT,
Committee."

This was the first instance in which I succeeded in getting a hearing even on the subject of mortality; and nothing was done in this case. Doctor Cargill never prepared his paper.

There is a wide difference, however, in the spirit in which these evils are viewed, and the arguments drawn from them. The Negro is viewing them with sympathy and alarm, and is awaking to the necessity of reform, but has not abated one ray of his hope and faith in his future. He believes firmly, that he is not born to die, but to live. Everywhere now, the watchwords are sounded. Conserve life! develop strength! take care of the bodies! take care of the souls! The American Negro is not morally or physically defunct. He has an ample ethical and material base, and with proper effort on the part of his own leaders will attain a fair standing in this the land of his race construction. His is the only race ever constructed from its germinal base, within the sway of freedom, making its whole progress, from germ to full development, within about two centuries, and without passing through the long stages of feudalism, absolute monarchy, and finally to freedom, as all other historic races have done. The American Negro took the dazzling leap from slavery to republican freedom, at one bound, turning his own head by the act, and turning the heads of all the philosophers who have read history backwards. By these wiseacres, the American freedman was at once tried by a standard twelve hundred years ahead of him, and he has so nearly approached that standard now, that the busy bodies of to-day, imagine that they are saying something of importance, when they are trying him by this standard and showing that he fails in some specific particulars. It is to the astonishing glory of the new race, and to the everlasting credit of America as a school, that he approaches the standard in any essential particular. The American Negro is simply a marvel, and a marvel of which America should be proud. The greatest work that America has ever done, is that it has transformed its millions of slaves into equal citizens, and is so educating them that they are living, growing, and taking their places in the great activities of the freest and most enlightened population on earth. Great, indeed, is the glorious American republic! Kings are its citizens.

The Negro entered on his life with one advantage; he was a wellfed race. I spent from '65 to '71 in South Carolina and Georgia, and I know the Negroes, as they came from slavery, were a strong, and hardy race. I fully believe that a peck of corn, and three pounds of bacon per week, with the few trimmings will furnish good muscular force; and I know that from '65 to '71 consumption was practically unknown among the plantation Negroes of South Carolina and Georgia. Now let us look at some plain facts along the history made by these people. The first thing to be noted is, that despite their great change of condition from slavery to freedom, they have not lost in numbers, but on the contrary have steadily gained; so that the American Negro population to-day, is about twice what it was in 1867. That is to say, it has increased 100 per cent in thirty years. Now if there had been no increase whatever; or even if there had been a slight loss, the matter would not have been serious cause for alarm; but when we see a prodigious increase it speaks volumes for the new race. Dying out at this rate, they will ultimately darken the continent. There are full thirty millions, I am led to believe, of Africanized people in this Western world, and they all seem to have the habit of dying out backwards.

The general testimony by school teachers, by physicians, and by recruiting officers of the army is, that the race is improving in physique. In the army they show up in all respects the full physical equals of the common American soldier; (The average Negro soldier is about four pounds heavier than the white) and in their moral and intellectual qualities, are second to none who wear the country's blue. This is the testimony of officers of the highest rank, and of civilians who know the army best. They are fully up to the white soldiers, and the white American soldier is the best white soldier in the world. In this connection the following test of eyes of Washington children may have its weight. A recent examination of 420 white, and 420 colored school children by Dr. Belt, gave the following results. Normal acuteness, whites 74 per cent; colored 90 per cent; myopic, white 16 per cent; colored, 6 per cent; astigmatic, white, 25 per cent; colored, 10 per cent; diseased eyes, white, 10 per cent; colored, 4 per cent; choroidal atrophy, white, 5 per cent; colored, 1 per cent. There is not the slightest ground for alarm for the Negro physically; although there are urgent reasons for him to take care of himself. His death rate, even in our Southern cities, though much larger than it ought to be is not greater than what prevails in many European cities. The great death rate of the Negro comes through the lack of care bestowed upon the infants, and will yield to ordinary culture.

The practical life of the Negro, or his ability to contend with nature and secure the means of existence, is fully shown in the whole history of the South since the war. The American Negro to-day has full $300,000,000 worth of property that can be found. A comparison made by a Southerner of two congressional districts in Virginia, the Fourth and the Ninth—one white and the other black—white population about the same, shows the following facts: The black district paid into the State treasury in taxes $130,758; the white district $116,471. Expenses paid out to the black district, $22,173; to the white district $33,376. That is to say, the black district gave a clear contribution to the state of $108,585; the white district $83,095. The black citizens of the Fourth Congressional district of Virginia have been tried by the standard set by the white citizens of the Ninth district, and have not been found wanting. Justice will compel the verdict that the black citizens of the Fourth district are up to the material standard of Virginia citizenship. The Negroes in the army have been the subject of the same sort of practical comparison, and have been found fully up to the average military standard of the country.

As to the so-called scientific arguments brought to bear against the Negro from some obscure premises, I beg to say, that as amusements, they serve a wholesome purpose. They are curiosities sometimes, and always good as mental calisthenics, but as contributions to knowledge, or to morals' they are utterly without significance. The American Negro goes right on his way in spite of all these fulminations, and rips their conclusions all to pieces by daily facts. Does Professor Shaler say that the mulatto does not live over fifty years? Fred. Douglass and a thousand other hoary headed mulattoes, each shout out; "Beholdme!" I passed my fiftieth birth-day more than a score of years ago; and if I am dead, I am not sensible of it. Professor Wortman proves the Negro only a developed ape and half-way bungalow between the monkey and the man. The Negro ape conducts battles in Cuba, and takes scholastic degrees in America. Maceo, Toussaint, Dodd, DuBois, and hundreds of others have proven themselves such highly developed apes, that people every where mistake them for men. George Dixon and Peter Jackson, have proven themselves mighty good apes, and every man who has met either of them in the ring has, been willing to say of his antagonist he is man enough for me." Science be-hanged! when man applies it to the real man. Man cannot study man, despite Pope's eloquence. He cannot get on a stool high enough to pass judgment upon him. What man does his manifestations can be studied; what man is, is known only to Him who made him. Science is folly when it attempts to bring the undiscoverable human being before its bar. I have often met these scientific punsters upon their own ground, and have always found plenty of amusement for an idle hour in exchanging connundrums with them, but never regarded the exercise as anything beyond "funny business," and hence, do not care to insert it in this serious article.

Coming now to the direct questions of morals as shown by vital statistics, I admit frankly that the picture is a dark one, but I insist that this is by no means the whole picture. It is a very dark section of the picture, and is as valuable as any other part of it. Whether crime is more or less abundant in the Negro than in other people is not so important as the question, how to prevent or reduce it. Sin is destructive. Crime is costly. If the Negro thrives in the face of this enormous expenditure, it is simply because he has great resources or a great revenue. He either has a large moral and physical stock upon which to draw, or is able to recoup himself with great facility. But to a few facts. It is well known that the American Negro has advanced in general education in about the same ratio that he has advanced in the acquisition of property. A general advance in intelligence is not to be connected with a decline in morals. People who can be educated, can be saved. The twenty thousand Negro teachers, now employed, the full thousand college bred preachers, the hundreds of physicians, the full three millions of colored people who are readers; all serve to show that there is moral growth. Coupled with these facts is religion. The African Methodist Episcopal church handles money in large sums and maintains a standing for honesty as good as the common run. The same may be said of the other great religious denominations. Church membership is large among colored people, and the average character among the church people is encouraging. I have passed over a quarter of a century in the American Negro pulpit, and I can instance a case where I passed three years in a congregation of over six hundred, where there was not to my knowlege, one family cursed with a drunken member, and the families in the congregation were fully up to the standard of peopleof their means.

Among colored christians I have met as beautiful characters as I ever saw. Any person of common sense knows that they must have the ordinary virtues of honesty and truthworthiness, or they could not carry on their churches. It is also interesting to note that in the army, where the courts are entirely free from social and political surroundings, the Negro's record for good morals, is as good as the best.

THEOPHILUS GOULD STEWARD,
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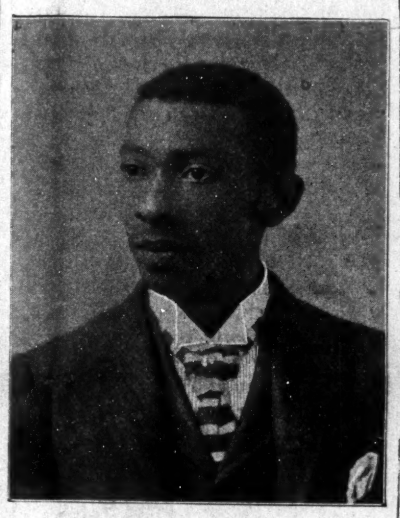
A Leading Young Business Man of Port Gibson, Miss.—Prominent Member of the K. of P.

One of Port Gibson's (Miss.,) leading young men was born in Natchez, Miss., June 1, 1897. When but three years of age his father, Rev. A. H. H. Dixon was appointed to Port Gibson as pastor of St. Peters A. M. E. church, at which place young Dixon has resided ever since. He spent the first seventeen years of his life in attending school and assisting his parents. In 1889 he secured a position with the Pullman Palace Car Co., as porter, and served with them four and a half years. In December 1890 he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Rosa E. Rogers, an amiable and christian young lady of his home. They have been blessed with three beautiful little children. He connected himself with the A. M. E. church in 1888 of which he is yet a faithful member and a class leader and a member of the steward board. In October 1893 Mr. Dixon was initiated in the order of K. of P., and is an active energetic member. He has held every important office in his lodge, and is now the presiding officer. He has been a representative to the Grand Lodge of the state, and in July 1896 at the session of the G. L. he was elected as one of the Grand Trustees of the state, and is doing all he can to elevate the order throughout the state, and without a doubt will be holding one of the highest offices of the order.

Mr. Dixon is also doing a small grocery business in his town, and is president of the board of directors of the People's Mercantile Association. He is also a strong race man, and is ever willing to defend their cause. As for politics he is young, but is for the G. O. P., and is a strong Lynch man, and shall ever be until he (Lynch) proves himself unworthy of being held up. The subject of this sketch is an intelligent young man of 29 years of age and



MR. WILLIAM DIXON.

is highly respected by his associates and is treated by both races with respect. As for talent and ambition he is full. He is an admirer of The Freeman and all other colored newspapers and will always endeavor to push them into the homes of his race. He is the reporter for the Brotherhood of Natchez, Miss., and a good writer. Port Gibson should be proud of such a young man.

Dots From Huntsville.

Huntsville, Tex., Special.

A frost about the 24th of March cut down a greater part of the oldest corn and many farmers are busily plowing and replanting. Benj. Ward, one of the leading race men of this city, is very sick at Col. Joseph Matoy's, The Odd Fellows have finished their beautiful hall. It is as fine a one as there is in Texas among the race. Prof. P. Abner is training for his closing exhibition of the city school. Many of his patrons want him retained for next session. Mrs. Dicey Johnson died on the 29th of March. She was a member of the St. James M. E. church. Rev. W. H. Jackson, the pastor being out of the city, Rev. A. C. Culbreath, the P. E. attended her funeral. Mrs. Caroline Clay died on the 29th ult. She was a member of the Friendship Baptist church, Dr. E. M. Wright, pastor, officiated. Rev. W. Hartley Jackson, the painstaking pastor of St. James M. E. church, has the Epworth League well organized. He has worked through a friend in the North and the Sunday school has been presented with a fine set of literary books. Mrs. Wallis Graham is convalescent. Madam rumor has it that J. C. C. Means will to himself a help mate. Rev. A. L. W. Wilhite is preparing for an "old folks concert" at Allen's Chapel on the 14th and 15th.

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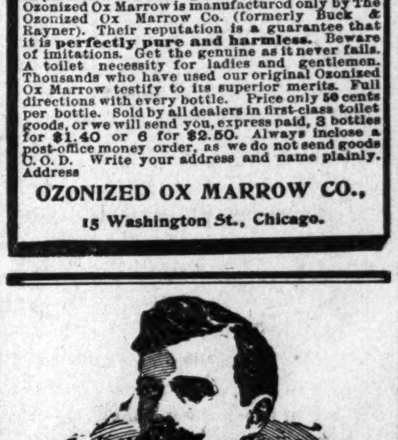

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WOMAN'S INFLUENCE ON CHRIST.

What woman exercised the greatest influence over Christ? is the very strange question now being propounded apropos to the eastertide. The concensus of opinion leans toward Mary Magdalene if any one at all. Woman's glory is in her hair. Mary had a wealth of blondish hair with this she wiped the feet of the Master after having annointed them with perfume. It is evident that Mary loved the Christ. Her haste to meet the risen Lord after the tragedy on the cross is biblical. There is no evidence warranted that Christ was influenced because of this unmistaken love, and in fact it is held that this love of Mary's was simply repentant love and that Christ was touched by it. His mother only, it is claimed by others, held his affections to the last. But the consideration of woman had some peculiar lodgement in His heart. His decision in the case of the woman taken in adultery will call for pondering thought as long as the text is read. What He wrote while He marked the earth would be a flood of light on the subject, was it known. From what can be gleaned He treated woman respectably, but not seriously for council as to His labor or His actions.

AS TO DR. MAJORS.

We say again that we feel indignant when we realize the extent of the attack on Drs. Graham, of this city, and Johnson, of Philadelphia. We have said ample in what we had to say in the defense of Dr. Graham, of this city. We say now in defense of Dr. Johnson that we are satisfied that the accusation is without foundation. Not that we are prepared to disprove what has been said by Majors, but that the matter carried by the letter reflecting on Dr. Johnson is inconsistent with the reputation he bears. The breath of moral obliqueness breathed by Dr. Majors had never reached our ears until it was breathed without our cognizance, we regret to say, through our columns. Dr. Johnson, we feel, could not have ascended to the point of prominence and influence in the A. M. E. church, a church that knows the use of a pruning hook, if he stood guilty of the very damaging charges made by Dr. Majors. Dr. Johnson is the head of the most influential journal of the church. It is not consistent in the face of the foregoing fact to insist that the charges of Dr. Majors are trustworthy. We feel that the "layman" who has signed this letter to Dr. Majors is a dyed-in-the-wool peace-disturber and a mal-content who thinks to even up for some little supposed offense of which we are not aware. We marvel too at the "layman's" extent of knowledge which takes in Chicago and Philadelphia at once. We feel that he must have been extremely industrious to have gained so much information in these two very large cities so very far apart. At any rate, we take no stock in the "layman's" story. We hold Dr. Johnson as we have ever held him, as a man of whom not a breath of scandal has ever reached our ears. We say this not from fear of consequences naturally following a damaging newspaper insertion, but out of fullness of our feeling on the subject. We make haste to do whatever is honorable and right in making amends and reparations to an outraged man. In this we feel to sacrifice nothing. We are only too glad to let the world know that we are as swift in apology as we are to attack. We hope Dr. Johnson and his friends may see our heart in this attempt at righting a wrong and not a cowardly attempt at retracting

EX-SENATOR VOORHEES DEAD

Indiana mourns the loss of a very distinguished son, Hon. Daniel W Voorhees, Ex-U. S. Senator. He was an uncompromising Democrat, standopposed to the interest of the race in his advocacy of political measures; yet he seems to have had goodly qualities, for which any man may have been proud. He was big with generosity, which goes a long way in helping to establish the makeup of a man. He wore his heart very near the surface, nor had he much difficulty in finding it when appealed to for aid and sympathy. He was touched by the infirmities of others, so much so that out of all his public life, he leaves but little behind for sustenance and support of those who depended on him. He was a giant in statue, of average intellect, a Demothenes in oratory and the idol of his party His war record does not stand in his favor. He was a vehement anti-war Democrat. He was accused of being a member of the famous Knights of the Golden Circle, that had for its object the impeding of the progress of the war. He has, however, denied this time and time again, but not many seriously took stock in his denials. He was the foremost criminal lawyer of his day, probably, not owing to his technical knowledge, but to his persuasive eloquence and masterful oratory. He figured in cases where homes had been outraged and the intruder had met a swift justice, always succeeding in having his clients acquitted. It is said that he had practiced in sixteen states. He has been accused of demagogy, but never of dishonesty or greed. The whole state feels a loss in his death.

SITUATION OF THE GREEKS.

The Greeks or winning the applause of the nations in standing so firmly for their own. The united powers may stand opposed to this land of classic lore, but the great heart of the world throbs in unison to its hopes and aspirations. The Greeks may be penned up in their tight peninsula by sheer force, but it insists on the right of protest, and protest she will, if it costs the last man of the kingdom. Such is the game that nations play, that the general welfare of Greece and Grecian's subjects are forgotten in the contention for the Turkish carcass. All the ado about the Armenian Christians means very little as long as the nations are sitting up with the sick man of Europe. Cretans be hanged when the dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire means repudiated debt and obligations perforce released The dog in the manger racket is being worked in the Orient. Every country expects a good slice of the very much coveted Turkish territory. It is said that Abdul Hamid is aware of the jealousy of these nations and turns it to account for his security. Greece may not attain her ends, but the defiance of the whole world practically, has wrung sympathy from the thousands who deplore a war such as an event like the present difficulty can precipitate. She stands picturesquely grand as her past achievements stand. It is fair to assume that by some method the island of Crete will again be reunited to the mother land.

The cry of the humble petitioners to the white White City is inaudible, but is growing daily. Yet there is no need of worrying the coveted prizes are intact. Make haste slowly.

All quiet on the potomac.

The Freeman feels proud and not humbled if it can do anything to restore a good name.

The Freeman has proclaimed its status quo in the Drs. Majors, Graham and Johnson affair, contributors please take note.

The Recordership of Deeds, of Washington, D. C., is the most vexed question the president has to deal with.

The civil service rules are taking in more territory quadrennially. There will be a great big smash up some day on account of too tight a tension.

Mr. Geo. L. Knox has been invited to Nashville to see for himself the situation in that city regarding the Negro participation in the great exhibition. He will go.

The New York Age thinks the statement charged to Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams is very sweeping, which says the women of the South do the supporting. It is a serious charge, but one does not need go very far to arrive at some conclusion. Do they or do they not? is the question.

The tariff measure has passed the House The Democrats, a number of them realized the necessity of doing something. The policy of delaying the new bill was discarded. Everyone, even to Democrats, has large faith in a policy that promises to recruit the treasury and furnish employment to the vast standing army of the unemployed.

Child Drowned in a Well.

Sherman, Tex., Special.

Rev. W. B. West, presiding elder of the North Texas District C. M. E. church, is in the city assisting Rev. Harllee in a revival. W. F. Pennington, a politician, is shaking hands with associates. Rev. Dr. Griggs, of Dallas, passed through the city Friday enroute to Bonham. He is looking after the interest of Hearne and Houston Academies A little year old child of Mr. Smith fell into a well and was drowned before it could be rescued, Tuesday. Rev. Holmes, P. E. of the A. M. E. church, is in the city this week, The city election on the 6th inst, was a complete victory for the Tammany Free Silver organization. Messrs. J. Winn and George Osbey are two of our progressive young men, who have charge of a barber shop and ice cream parlor. The young men of the Social club contemplate giving a grand social the latter part of the month. Messrs. S. Patterson and A. Teamur have charge of a first class saloon. Rev. S. Townsell, of Corsicana, Tex., is in the city. Rev. J. L. Burrell, pastor of the Progressive Baptist church, is conducting a protracted meeting. Samuel Humer, a well known young man of Sherman, was adjudged insane in Judge Wood's court. F. Phillips is conducting a neat barber shop and bath room.

Tendered an English Dinner.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

A small child of Elder Green, of the A. M. E. church, was buried from the church the 7th inst. Mrs. Alex. Kelley, assisted by Mrs. L. Fletcher, entertained at an English dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. Timbers, the 6th. The Bill of Fare entertainment at the Second Baptist church, was a grand success both financially and socially. It was a benefit for the pastor, who was pleased with the results. Samuel Robbins, of Urbana, O., visited Muncie last Saturday. A fine young lady arrived at the home of Ezra Winslow and wife last week. Quite a crowd assembled at the reception given by the ladies of the Eastern Star in their hall. Mrs. White, of E. Jackson St., has moved to East Seymour street. Should any one desire a copy of The Freeman call at 702 E. Jackson street and leave your order. Alex. Kelly, captain of club No. 3 of the A. M. E. church, is arranging for a grand entertainment May 19th. Mrs. V. Barnham, captain of club No. 1, gave a social at the church Thursday, the 8th. The Church Aid society met at Mrs. Gilmore's on S. Hackley street, the 14th. There will be an egg social on Monday evening after Easter at the A. M. E. church.

Personal Mention.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Miss Olive Cooper of Decatur, is in the city. The Frederick Douglass Club met at the Second Baptist church Tuesday evening. Miss Della White who has been in the city for a year will leave this week for her home in Kokomo. Mrs. Stafford of Almenia is visiting her son George Stafford. Mrs. Amos Stewart is suffering with lung trouble. Mrs. Robert of S. Kal spent Sunday with Mrs. Berry Ash. The concert given at the A. M. E. church Wednesday evening under the auspices of Frank Evans was a decided success. A neat sum was netted. Geo. Cursey has a position in Frank Evans tonsorial parlors.

THE INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS

At Normal, Ala., a Great Success—New Comers Eager to Participate—An Eloquent Discussion.

Despite the steady down pour of rain on Saturday April 3, the Industrial Congress at Normal, Ala., was a great success. Distinguished visitors including teachers, ministers and doctors as well as farmers and mechanics from all sections began to arrive as early as 6 o'clock in the morning. Every train brought additional new comers. eager to participate in the great event. At 10:30 a. m., the college band marched from the boy's dormitory to Turner hall playing sweet music, which was the signal for the people to assemble in the chapel. Visitors and students at once began to wend their way to the hall, coming from every direction. Prominent among the distinguished visitors were. Rev. A. A. Sensabeaugh of Tuscumbia, N. L Edmonson of Florence, Revs. Spates of Huntsville, and J. A. Jones of Fayetteville, Tenn. Besides, there were a number of white ladies of prominence, conspicious among whom were Mrs. Virginia Clay Clopton and Ms Captain Hume. Both of these ladies are leaders in the most aristocratic circles of the South. Prof. W. H Council, president of the school presided.

The following program was carried out, interspersed by the choicest classical music by the choir with an occasional plantation melody by the vast audience. Principal points discussed: 1st. Are the people generally out of debt? 2d What moral improvement is being made? 3rd Do you raise enough produce to supply your needs? 4th Are the colored people building better houses etc? 5th Do colored boys and girls have opportunities to learn trades? 6th Are any colored men in business in your community? Farmers, mechanics, professional men and ladies, all joined heartily into the discussion. The audience was carried off its feet by the eloquent address of Mrs. Clopton and the papers by Mrs. L. S, D. Sessions and Miss Davis of Huntsville. Mrs. Sessions is said to be one of the most talented women of the race. A more unassuming woman cannot easily be found, yet she is capable of holding her own in any audience regardless of race or intellectual advancement. A most sumptuous dinner was served to the visitors. Indeed, all visitors are entertained free, and the matter of length of time is not taken into account. The session was continued in the afternoon and night. It was a great occasion.

Much honor is due Prof. W. H. Council for the wonderful work he is doing for his people. Nothing but observation itself can furnish one with anything like a faint idea of the magnitude of the work that this young man is accomplishing. His name will go down in history as one of the most eminent benefactors of his race. By special invitation of the president, Rev. J. A. Jones of Fayetteville, Tenn., preached to the school on Sabbath morning. Rev. Jones is one of the leading men of the Tennessee Conference of the A. M. E church. The congress will occupy two days hereafter. The session may be held earlier in the year

EYE WITNESS.

Tuscumbia News Notes.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

The grand rally at the A. M. E. church last Sunday was a financial success. Rev. Edmondson of Florence, Ala., preached an excellent sermon for Rev. Sensabough at 11 o'clock. W. L. Council of Normal, Ala., was in the city on the 6th inst. He entertained with his graphaphone the city school at 2 p. m., and the people in general at 8 p. m. The entertainment is high class. Rev. Mr. Stevens, white, spoke to the city school on the 7th, and presented four books to the school. A grand time is hoped for on Easter. Rev. W. E. Northcross will preach the I. O. I annual sermon at the Baptist church. Prof. G. W. Trenholm was out of the city on the 9th and spoke at three places at 9 a. m. before the Sheffied City school, at 2 p. m. before the Spring Valley school closing, and at 8 p. m. before the Leighton school closing. Miss C. N. Ross of this city, has done a good work at Leighton. Her examination and concert were splendid. Miss M. W. A. Ross and H. R. Rowan of this city witnessed the closing on the 9th at Leighton. Prof. G. W. Trenholm is attending the State Teachers' Association at Birmingham this week.

South Bend News Notes.

South Bend, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Elmin Myers of Ft. Wayne, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jodis Allen. Mrs. Rev. G. D. Smith is recovering from a spell of sickness. Sunday school and church was well attended. Class No. 6, has the banner with Mrs. A. Sanders teacher. Mrs. Bell Johnson and Mr. Alvin is calling on Mrs. Rev. G. D. Smith. Mrs. Jodie Allen and daughter, Mrs. Elmin Myers of Ft. Wayne were entertained by Mrs. E. Murphy and daughter Sunday. The B. Y. P. U. meeting was a success at the Baptist church, subject, "The best way to build up the young peoples society." If you want to find out the doings of our people read The Freeman. You can get it by calling on Mr. Verley Smith at 116 Birdsell street. Easter will be celebrated at the A. M. E. church. at 3 o'clock p. m., and at the Mt. Zion Baptist church at 7:20 p. m. A grand program has been prepared by both schools. The social given by the G. U. O. of O. F. on the 9th was a success, and on the first Sunday in May they will turn out in full blast. Mr. Mathews, the father of R. H. Mathews, is suffering with a broken rib by falling across the door step.

Personal Mention.

Columbus, O., Special.

Thirty converts of Shiloh Baptist church were baptized. Y. Let of Granville avenue lost his son. C. Y. Williams having bought out M. Scott of W. Broad st. has fitted up a fine barber shop. McKinly House arrivals; J. B. Hall, Chas. Roberson Relıegh, N. C., J. H. Keely and wife, Jackson C. King, Thomas Flangder, Delaware, O. Samuel Moore of Fay street, died and was buried Sunday. Mrs. W. F. Mathews of Wenterville, is on the sick list. Mrs Griffith, the mother of C. Griffith of Cherry street, was burned to death at Portsmouth, O. Rev. Dr. Newsome of Wenterville delivered an able sermon Sunday night. As a result of the controversy as to who was the youngest soldier that carried arms in the late war, the reader of The Freeman will have the pleasure of seeing his picture and reading his war record in the same.

NORTH CAROLINA EXHIBITION.

Disastrous Fire—Ensuing Spring Election—Mt. Zion Baptist Church to be Recognized—Notes.

Berkley, Va., Special.

The fire at the saw mill of Greenleaf, Johnson & Co., was a disastrous one, causing a loss of $30,000. Work on the streets of Berkly is progressing nicely. The sum of $50,000 is to be expended on the streets. As the month of May draws near, we are reminded of the fact that another election will be upon us. This time the question of a Constitutional convention being called, will have to be settled. If such a convention is held, it is supposed that an effort will be made to disfranchise the colored voters of the state. Nothing has occurred from the natural order of things in and around our town. Everything is running as smoothly at present as can be expected. The regular Missionary Baptists of Berkley and vicinity will attend on Sunday, the 25th inst., the public recognition exercises of Mt. Zion church, which has been recognized as a church in good faith and order. The services begin at 3 o'clock p. m. The recognition sermon will be preached by Rev. Sutton E. Griggs, and at night the old "war horse," Rev. Zion H. Berry, will fill the pulpit. A rich program will be rendered. The presentation which was to be made at the Sixth Street A. M. E. church, did not come off as expected. No one sold tickets enough to secure the bicycle, but the sum of $30 was raised in the effort. All seemed much pleased and enjoyed themselves. Many visitors come over from Norfolk. The North Carolina Exhibition at St. Paul's church was had, and an excellent program was rendered. Two solos were sung by Misses Bailey, which were well applauded. To-morrow being Easter, the people of our town will attend churches in large numbers. All of our ministers have returned from the annual conference.

A. E. ROBINSON.

Donkey Social Given.

Lafayette, Ind., Special.

On the sick list, Mrs. Wm. Snel and Mrs. Wm. Gann. Miss Zoe Hatton, who has been sick at the home of her aunt, is much better. The Donkey social at the A. M. E. church was a success, Henry Biggs winning the prize. Rev. A. S. Jackson, of the Second Baptist church, will preach two Easter sermons to-morrow.

A Surprise Party.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Zion Baptist literary was largely attended and enjoyed a grand lecture by Dr. Davis, of England, taking for his subject, "Will Power." All of the churches in the city are making preparations for Easter services, which promises to be grand. The Wandering Boys and Girls' social club will render a literary program before the Zion Young People's Literary on the 19th inst., which promises to be a rare treat. Mrs. Anna Ware, of John street, is convalescent. Mrs. M. J. Smith, of Elizabeth street, is much improved.

Clark University.

Clark University has been made a weather signal station by the weather Bureau. Its location on the highest elevation just south of the city limits renders the signal flags visible to all the people in that section of Atlanta and to the people of the surrounding country. The attendance at the University has steadily increased during the past several months until now the enrollment is 383, the largest for some years. The Clark University Courier, the second number of which is just out, has proved to be a great benefit to the Institution The outlook for the future is very encouraging and an attendance of 500 students for next year is confidently expected. At the urgent request of the Board at Cincinnati, acting President Thirkield has continued to serve since last October.

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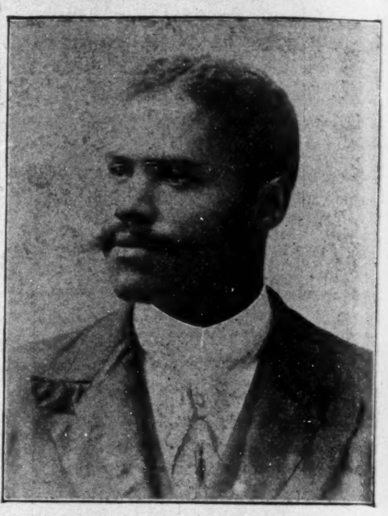
NEW OFFICERS.

The Herculean Club Meet and Elect Officers for the Ensuing Term.

Members of the Herculean Club met Thursday evening April 8, in their elegant rooms on Indiana avenue, at a



A. C. RICHARDSON, President.

special meeting, elected officers for the ensuing term. Much interest was manifested owing to the number of candidates for the presidency, there being three tickets in the field viz., Regular ticket, headed by Joseph Baughman; Business ticket, headed by William

DR. S. A. FURNISS, Treasurer.

Walden; and the Law and Order ticket headed by A. C. Richardson. The Law and Order ticket was elected with the largest majority than ever before. The officers elected are as follows: President, A. C. Richardson; first vice, Chas. Stapp; second vice, Charles Sweeney; Recording Secretary, William H. Porter; Corresponding Secretary, William H. Jackson; Treasurer, Dr. S. A. Furniss; Board of Directors

WM. H. JACKSON, Cor. Secretary.

William Walden, William Breedlove, Capt. John Buckner, Felix Davis, John Moore and William Williamson. Mr. Richardson, the new president, is well known in business circles in this city. He has been very active in politics; he was a delegate to the last State and county conventions.

NOTELETS.

Breedlove was all smiles.

The "Frogs" won in a walk.

An excellent board was elected.

John Wesley, of the "400" was sheriff.

Broyles, the indispensable, will soon leave for the seaside.

The "Gang" did not show up until it was too late—was it a put up job?

"Bud" Richardson polled the largest vote in the history of the institution.

Items of Interest.

Hamilton, O., Special.

Rev. W. H. Coleman preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning on the "Purpose of God." He held the attention of a large and appreciating congregation. The G. U. O. of O. F held a bazaar last week, and on Thursday a public installation of officers took place. It was conducted by Mr. F. Hunter and Robinson of Cincinnati, O., and $100 was cleared. A large number of Odd Fellows from Oxford, O., attended the bazaar here last week. The young ladies sewing circle met Thursday at Miss L. Sampsons. The church and Sunday school of Payne Chapel are making preparations for Easter services. The senior ladies sewing circle met Friday at Mrs. Carpenters. Great preparations are being made for a semi-centennial anniversary of Payne Chapel in June.

BILLY McCLAIN

is a native of Indianapolis, Ind. He made his professional debut at the old Zoo and Crown's Garden in 1883, and since that time has appeared in many of the leading theatres of the United States. He was the first colored man to write and successfully star in his own plays. Mr. McClain is the author of the following plays: "Down on the Suwanee River," "Before and After the War," "From the Jungles to the Senate," "The Black Politician." The Philadelphia Ledger said recently in speaking of Mr. McClain: "The first colored star we ever had the opportunity to see who was fully competent of the name that was bestowed upon him." Mr. McClain is the author of the following songs: "Pretty May," "Don't Forget Mother and Home," Hand Down the Robe," The Possum," Dar's Gwine to be a Great Resurrection," "Phonegraph De News," Honey, Don't You Grieve About Me," "Dar's Gwine to be a Wedding Here To-night," "The Old School House Bells." Mr. McClain was the star of "Down on the Suwanee River;" Amusement director and Stage manager of "Black America;" Amusement director and stage manager of "South Before the war;" Representative of the colored people for Pain's "Storming of Vicksburg;" and Stage manager for Sam T. Jack's New Creoles, Mr. McClain has gained great proficiency in his work, a distinction that he has gained by his conscientious work and finished acting. He is at present Stage director of "Darkest America."

The Eldridges are still in favor at Hammerstein's Olympia, New York City.

Black Patti Troubadours are packing the Empire Theatre, Brooklyn, this week.

Hodges & Launchemere are heading the bill this week at Hyde & Behman's, Brooklyn.

South Sea Island Joe and wife Beno, are now with Forepaugh-Sells Bros'. side show.

Williams and Walker have a new program introduction, "The Tobasco Senegambians."

Gauze, female impersonator, has closed with Richards & Pringles Georgia Minstrels.

Richards & Pringles Georgia Minstrel drew large audiences at Binghamton, N. Y. March 29-31.

"Darkest America turned people away during their return engagement at Dayton, O., last week.

Salter & Martin are contemplating an European trip with their "Uncle Tom's Cabin" show next season.

Rachel Walker appeared on the big vaudeville bill at the Pike's Opera House, Cincinnati, last week.

George Williams, the Turtle Boy and his white wife, were at the Ninth and Arch Museum, Philadelphia, last week.

The Farrells—Billy and Willie—champion cake walkers, were at the Columbus Theatre, Harlem, N. Y. last week.

Richards & Pringles Georgia Minstrels are playing to good business at the Standard Theatre, Philadelphia, this week.

Lawrence E. Chenault, Cincinnati's favorite tenor soloist, is making the hit of his life with Al G. Field's "Darkest America."

Fred Simpson, trombone soloist, with "Darkest America," is receiving much applause and praise for his excellent solo work.

John W. Isham and his "Oriental America" Co., sailed for Europe April 3. A number of friends of Mr. Isham and his company went to Philadelphia, Pa, for the occasion. At 10 a. m., the steamer was to set sail, and at eight o'clock numerous friends had gathered to bid them farewell. Before the steamer sped on her way Mr. Isham's "Oriental America" company delighted the passengers and friends with a sweet refrain of "Auld Lang Syne" and a rendition of "Farewell, Farewell." Mr. Isham was the recipient of a number of beautiful horseshoes of flowers, decorated prettily with the words "Bon Voyage." "Success to Oriental America," etc. Crowds cheered the departing ones, and kerchiefs and hats waved until the vessel was no more to be seen."

Mme. Cordelia McClain, Mrs. Sam Lucas, Mrs. De Los Ors, are among the leading stars with "Darkest America" this season.

Jalvan, the Hindoo juggler, assisted by Mlle De Marco, met with approval from the large audiences at Procter's Theatre, New York City.

Chas. Winter Woods, the talented Negro tragedian and actor, gave a recital at St. Stephens church, Chicago, last week, to a large audience.

Al. & Mamie Anderson played at the Alhambra Theatre, Milwaukee, Wis., last week, and open on the Orpheum circuit April 25th.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are booked to appear at the following places: Lawrence, Mass., April 15-16; Haverhill, 17-18.

Mr. Richard P. Parker, the tenor singer, who has been in England for the past ten years, is expected to arrive home on the steam ship Havel on April 19.

Florence Hines, the unrivalled male impersonator, formerly with "Darkest America," is now playing dates; she was at the Olympic Theatre, Chicago, last week.

Walter S. Gaston, tenor, and A. J. Storms of Brooklyn, having returned from New Haven contemplate putting a sketch on the vaudeville stage. They are at present located at Tony Pastor's Theatre, New York City.

The latest popular song "Mollie O'Moore," by Pauline Brutting-Story, is a beautiful song, with a charming Two Step Chorus. A copy will be sent to any address for twelve two cent stamps. Address Chas. A Brutting, 816 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati, O.

The following entries for the great cake walk to be held at the Clermont Avenue Rink, Brooklyn, N. Y. April 20, in connection with a mammoth jubilee carnival and masked ball, have been received: Luke Blackburn and Martha Blackburn. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Farrell, Geo. Weston and wife, winners of the cake walk recently held at Madison Square Garden; Lyman G Smith, winner of the cake walk at St. James Hall, Liverpool, England; Luke Pulley, second prize winner at Madison Square Garden 1893; Wm. F. Green of Baltimore, the champion heavy weight cake walker of the world. The Afro-American Jubilee Company, who are arranging this entertainment, is the first of its kind held in Brooklyn for many years.

The Courier-Journal, of Louisville, Ky., March 30, said in speaking of the Blind Boone Concert Company: "The concert is in many respects a decided novelty, as an opportunity is afforded to hear not only classical compositions, rendered according to best interpretation, but genuine Negro music by talented representatives of that race. Blind Boone is a musical prodigy, who has been before the public during the past sixteen years. From the time he could blow a tin whistle he has been making music John Lange, his manager, led him to the piano, a fine concert grand, where he seated himself in a cane chair. As soon as his hands touched the keys the sweetest of harmony came forth. The melody and rhythm of the music he marks by rocking his body back and forth. The manager told the audience that Boone had no power to control his body when he was affected by music. His programme contained selections from Raff, Gottschalk, Chopin and Liszt. There were many of his own compositions, and 'Suwanee River,' 'Caprice de Concert' and 'Marshfield Tornado.' The last was a wonderful reproduction of a storm set to music, the trickling of the rain being perceptible to all. He imitated on the piano various instruments. To those of the community interested in plantation melodies and folk song, it may be said that the best examples are included in the programme. Blind Boone says he feels that his own race songs should be preserved, and that his race is the proper vehicle for it. Another great attraction of the concert is the singing of Stella May. Her voice is untrained, and she sings the songs of her race in such a characteristic way that they touch all hearts. The singing of the ballad, 'Massa's Sleeping In the Church Yard, Whar' the Roses Bud and Bloom,' was full of pathos and brought tears to the eyes as the voice of Blind Boone chimed in in a minor chord. The concert is worth the liberal patronage of musicians, as well as those who do not understand musical forms. They will appear at Indianapolis at Second Baptist church, May 6-7; Allen Chapel, May 10.

BLIND BOONE.

MME. CORDELIA McCLAIN, with "Darkest America."

Y. P. S. C. E. CONVENTION,

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B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION,

Chattanooga, Tenn., from July 15th to 18th—Big Four Route.

For the Baptist Young People's Union of America to its annual convention "The Big Four Route" will name rate of one fare for Round trip from all points on its system. From the East through trains run to Cincinnati, making direct connection with the Q. & C. Route and the L. & N Ry. in Central Union Depot. From the North a choice of routes is offered via Cincinnati or Louisville. For rates, routes, and full information call on any representative of the Big Four Route.

To Hold a Ministerial Institute.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

On the 28th of the present month there will be held in Allen hall a Ministerial Institute. Papers will be read by a number of the leading ministers of the Tennessee A. M. E. conference. Rev. R. G. Hogg preached to a large audience on Wednesday night last. C. J. Thompson, who has been selling groceries on Spring St., for a number of years, has sold out. The converts of the recent revival gave an entertainment and presented Rev. B. A. J. Nixon with a purse of $16.85 last Sunday night. Because of the opening of the great Centennial Exposition May 1st, Phillips' Academy and Turner Normal will close earlier than usual. S. C. Rainey has been appointed to teach the Pike school and Rays' Chapel has been given to Mrs. Mary Frazier Orr. Miss Mary Burt departed this life April 8th and was buried the 9th, Rev. Nixon officiating. W. A. Thompson, who graduated in the English class of '90 from the Turner Normal, mingled with his many friends recently. He is a member of the Senior class of Roger Williams University. Messrs. Doxey, Thompson, Gosling and Ransom, on Main street, know how to treat their customers and are holding things down in the grocery business. All the churches have made special preparations for Easter. The Junior members of the A. M. E. church have organized a bible band. Mrs. R. G. Donnell is president; Thos. H. Blay, secretary; Miss L. C. Hill, treasurer; Miss M. P. Brown, chairman of the Missionary committee; Joe Jenning, chairman of the Prayer meeting committee; Mrs. Mariah Claybourn, chorister; Mrs. C. A. Bowman, organist. Rev. Nixon has been invited to preach the Easter sermon to the Immaculates at Mullen Chapel.

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18,000 yards flannel, worth 12c, sale price 4c per yard.

3,756 yards fine table linen, worth 35c, sale price 9c per yard.

8,563 yards Toweling, worth 10c, sale price 3c per yard.

8,675 yards extra fine table linen, worth 50c, sale price 19c.

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"You may talk about the Negro,
You may find his faults infinite
But you cannot turn a wheel
That the Negro isn't in it."

So I ask you in the name of God, wake up! Wake up! There is not a race on earth that has made the record the Negro has since emancipation. Is that 4,000,000 which God, through Abraham Lincoln and the late war declared free, as ignorant as they were at the time of the emancipation? No! Our condition has undergone a radical change. The Negro's progress in education has been and is the marvel of the universe, and it will soon go down in history as one of the great wonders of civilization. He has succeeded in mastering every branch of erudition which he has undertaken. No other race among the races of the globe has made the advancement in letters in so short a time as has the colored race. Just think of it! In 1870 when the ballot was put in the colored people's hands there were 79 persons out of every 100 who could not read their names: Ten years later in 1880, there were only 70 persons who could not read, and in 1890 there were only 56 persons out of every 100 who could not read. These figures tell to the world most emphatically that the Negro is making marked progress in education, gaining 20 per cent, in two decades or twenty years. Fifty years hence there will not be an unlettered or illiterate colored person within the bounds of the United States of America. At this rate of increase and learning and population, fifty years hence, instead of saying 4,000,000 emancipated ignorant Negro's the world will be heard pronouncing most distinctly 30,000,000 of elevated, cultured, refined and useful Afro-Americans in the United States. Then the Negro will sing—

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R. H. Clark, Rep Freeman,
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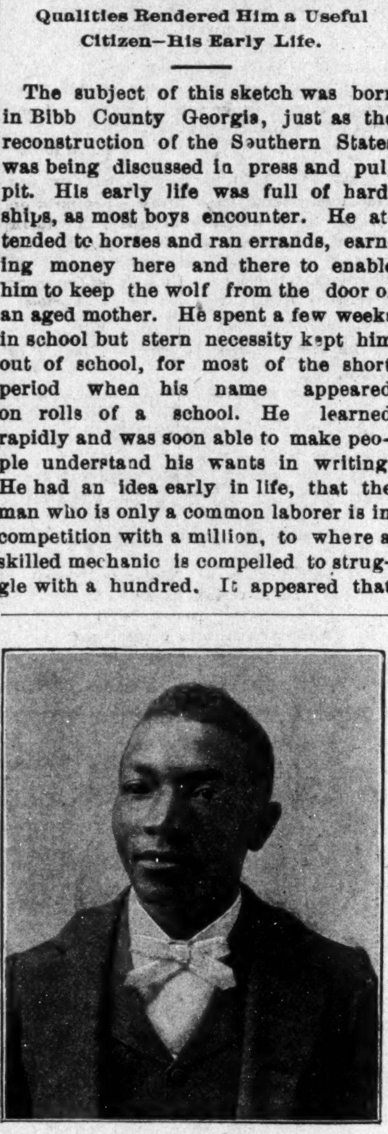
CHARLES L. DICKSON

A Skilled Mechanic Whose Business Qualities Rendered Him a Useful Citizen—His Early Life.

The subject of this sketch was born in Bibb County Georgia, just as the reconstruction of the Southern States was being discussed in press and pulpit. His early life was full of hardships, as most boys encounter. He attended to horses and ran errands, earning money here and there to enable him to keep the wolf from the door of an aged mother. He spent a few weeks in school but stern necessity kept him out of school, for most of the short period when his name appeared on rolls of a school. He learned rapidly and was soon able to make people understand his wants in writing. He had an idea early in life, that the man who is only a common laborer is in competition with a million, to where a skilled mechanic is compelled to struggle with a hundred. It appeared that



C. L. DICKSON.

brick laying was a likely trade and that he sit about learning. He made rapid progress and would have made a great success in it, but while engaged in building a wall he heard a white man remark that no Negro could learn plumbing; that there was not enough skill in the entire race to "wipe a joint." From that moment Dickson made up his mind to become a plumber. He had great difficulty in getting a chance to learn the trade as it was entirely monopolized by white men, but picking up a bit of information here and there he soon mastered the trade, and was soon entrusted by a large plumbing firm with difficult jobs out of the city in which he lived. He worked for this firm until he felt that he could go it alone. He then opened a first class shop, and has been for the past few years engaged in a business which requires the highest order of skill. His patrons belong to all classes, white people of course predominating, on accout of the fact that they have more of that kind of work done. Mr. Dickson has made himself well liked in the city of Vicksburg where he has made his home, his politeness, promptness and general all around good qualities rendering him at the same time a useful and popular citizen.

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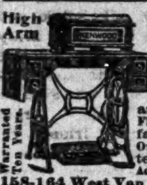

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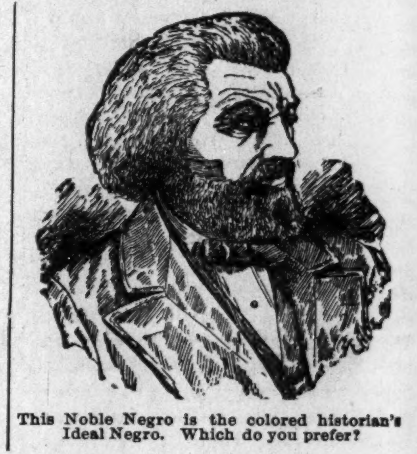

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It has been quite a time since we wrote you. However. we did not forget to love and appreciate the Freeman, the greatest Negro journal. Everything is quiet in our town. Mrs. Lucy Martin, is quite sick at her home. Mr. C. B. Martin, her son, has quit work at the depot to wait on his mother. Prof. T. J. Townsend, had for his guests last Friday, Rev. Jno. T. Arter, of Knoxville College, an old school-mate, also Dr. J. S. McCulloch, president of Knoxville College. They had been attending a presbytery at Fayetteville. The rally at Mt. Olive Baptist church Sunday, was a success. Notwithstanding the rain they raised $17.95. Rev. J. B. Marchbanks, of Tullahoma, preaced at 11 and at night. Rev. J H. Hillsman, of Shelbyville, preached at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The church began its services of meetings. They will be conducted by Rev. L. Trimble of Winchester.

An Energetic Young Man.

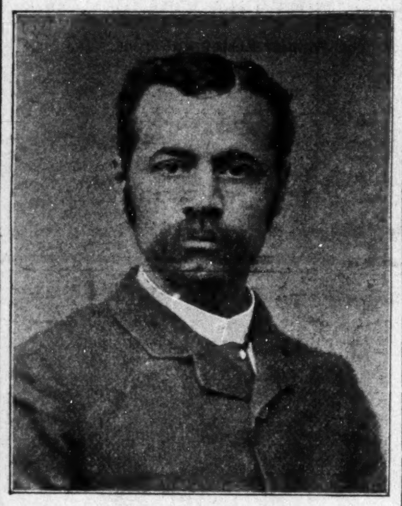
Carthage, Mo., Special.

Please allow me space in your valuable paper, as a subscriber and one that has always held the Freeman as one of the leading Negro journals in this country. I have been a reader of The Freeman for more than four years, and the more I read it the better I like it. Our agent here for The Freeman, Mr. Fred Blair, certainly needs much credit for the interest he takes in your paper and always striving to secure subscribers for The Freeman. Fred Blair naturally speaking, is one of our most swiftest and enterprising young men He has a bright and glorious future, and I certainly predict for Fred a noble man some day. He only needs an opportunity for chances, he is always grasping, he is also our local reporter for the Evening Press of our city, and he don't forget the young boys and girls who do not attend school. Jeoporidy slumbers that seems to have no future in view at all, but is constantly pleading with them so come out of their ignorant states and learn to make men of themselves, that will be a credit to themselves and the race. We need a good many men like Fred Blair in our community. Rev. B. F. Berry of Van Buren, Ark., has been called to pastorate at Bethel Baptist church. He has been conducting a protracted meeting for several weeks and did the Sunday school much good. An interesting program has been prepared for Easter. Rev. W. C. Ellis of the M E. church has been returned for another year. He has been attending the Methodist Conference at Kansas City, Mo. Since the election and inauguration of our president, Wm. McKinley, everybody is looking brighter and expect a better time in the near future. We hope no one will be disappointed. Fred Blair and myself are on the look out and expect a great many new subscribers to The Freeman soon. William Mason is in the city. Claud Clark of Kansas City, is in the city the guest of his parents. He is quite a performer on the mandoline and guitar; his brother also is here, both are above the average as colored musicians. Miss Ida Biggers of Oswego has secured a position in the city and will remain here.

HON. T. RICHARDSON.

One of Port Gibson's Leading Colored Attorneys—A Member of the City Council for Seventeen Years.

The subject of this sketch was born and reared in the beautiful city of Port Gibson, Miss. He is a self-made man, never having attended school one day in his life, but as a professional man he will compare favorably with most graduates. He is a licensed lawyer,



HON. T. RICHARDSON,

and is one of the best in his community. Another incontrovertable proof of Mr. Richardson's ability is the fact that he was the post master of Port Gibson for nearly twenty years and conducted his office creditably. He is and has been a member of the city council for seventeen years and has served on several important committees, always with credit to himself and the race.

He was principal of the city school for four years, and during that time gave entire satisfaction to all concerned. At present Mr. Richardson is editor and proprietor of The Vidette, a paper published in the interest of his race and community generally. He was Senior Grand Warden of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Mississippi. In politics he is an old "war horse" and is an active Republican. He is chairman of his county executive committee and an ardent supporter and a close personal friend of Hon. John R. Lynch. Mr. Richardson is a great admirer of The Freeman, and has at different times remarked that it is the greatest Afro-American journal published in America. Altogether the subject of this sketch is a safe man for the youths of the race to emulate, for he is an ideal gentleman in every respect.

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A DESPERATE CHARACTER.

An Aftermath—The Result of a Negro Resenting Insults by Refusing to Patronize an Obnoxious Merchant.

Holly Grove, Ark., Special.

What came near terminating in a race disturbance was narrowly averted here a few days ago. Some time back a merchant in this town, exasperated to a desperate frenzy because a respectable colored girl gave him what he called impudence, kicked her out of his store. The following Sabbath Rev. E. M. Argyle, pastor of the A. M. E. church of this place, denounced from his pulpit, the act as a culpable outrage, and admonished Negroes to avert further trouble of this character by staying away from such places. While the masses of the Negroes gave this store a wide birth, a few skulking renegades and boot blacks crept around it; and in telling of the indignation of the entire Negro population, laid great stress on what Rev Argyle had said from the pulpit. After noticing the great falling off in his cash account, the cross-road merchant and woman kicker became very desperate and tackled Rev. Argyle in another store, and after using the vilest epithets in the English vocabulary, attacting all Negro preachers, gave notice that he would kill the first Negro preacher that crossed his path. By some means or other the news was rapidly spread over town that the desperado had unmercifully beaten Rev. Argyle, and excitement ran high for a while, but cooler judgment prevailed. Rev. Argyle says he does not propose to be deterred from his faithful discharge of duty, neither does he contemplate being frightened away from his post; but intended to speak and even act without fear or favor, and that if he had to die, he would die in a righteous cause with his face to the foe. At this writing all is quiet, yet many regret the unpleasant occurrence. The ministry of this place to a man, regardless of sect or creed, say Rev. Argyle was right. The country hereabouts is beginning to feel the dire effect of the overflow; the back waters from the Mississippi river twenty miles south of here has so swollen the lagoons and bayous until plantations are being inundated, impeding labor. Mrs. Caroline Weatherrington, a respectable and estimable lady, died at her residence in this city Sunday, April 4th, and was buried from New Hope A. M. E. church Monday, Rev. E. M. Argyle attending the funeral. A large concourse of sorrowing friends followed her remains to their last resting place. Rev. A. A. Williams, P. E., passed through this city enroute home last Monday. He was running from the high water. Mrs. Emma Nubia died March 31st and was buried from New Hope A. M. E. church, Rev. E. M. Argyle officiating. Mrs. Jameson is very ill. Dr. L. E. Duncan, our eminent colored physician, is attending her. Ralph Bobo has moved his entire family up out of the overflow district of the Indian Bay settlement. Mr. Bobo is one of our representative citizens, and his loss from the flood will run up into hundreds of dollars. Prof. J. T. Cross' school is closed and he will now turn his attention to agricultural pursuits. There will be a grand rally at New Hope A. M E. church April 25th. Many prominent divines will be in attendance. Elaborate preparations will be made to entertain all visitors.

BRYAN'S PAPER.

The Editor Again Restored to Health

Mr. George W. Hervey, editor of the Weekly Omaha World-Herald, is a perfect picture of health and looks more like the Hervey of other days. To see him now, one can hardly believe that he has been such a great sufferer. He writes of his failing health and recovery, in his characteristic way as follows:

"For several years I was troubled with indigestion so severe as to make it impossible to take more than two meals a day without intense suffering. I grew worse gradually until, July 1895, I was suddenly attacked with increased pain and soreness over the pit of my stomach and sharp pains in my right side which rapidly increased until I could scarcely get my breath. A physician was called for immediate relief and hypodermic injections of morphine were resorted to for relief. I was able to be out in about a week but had a second attack the following August, more intense than before. I was reduced from 156 to 134 lbs. in nine days and left wholly unable to take any nourishment. I lived on lime water and a very little milk for several days after. For one year I carried morphine pellets in my pockets ready for an emergency. All this time my stomach was sore and very sensitive. I discovered that what would agree with my stomach this week would probably not next week and that I was getting nearer and nearer to a final collapse. I consulted 3 of the best physicians in the state and two agreed fully as to my ailment but failed to give me relief. Having utterly failed to obtain relief, I finally made arrangements to go to Chicago to be treated when my little boy chanced to get a sample package of Dr. Kay's Renovator which he brought to me. I was induced to try it, not having the least faith in its virtues. I thought the sample relieved me and I purchased a 25 cent box. Before it was all used I had so improved that I was taking three meals a day, which I had not done for years. I then used one package of the large Dr. Kay's Renovator and one more of the small size. It is eight months since I commenced using Dr Kay's Renovator and I now have no symptoms whatever of my old trouble. I have recommended it to many of my friends for stomach trouble and I think all have reported relief." Geo. W. Hervy, Omaha, Neb., Feb. 17, 1897. Dr. Kay's Renovator is sold by druggists or sent by mail for 25 cts. and $1. Booklet free Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb. Sold by H. C. Pomeroy, opp. post office.

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LOCAL NOTES.

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Miss Annie Smith has been very ill at her home, 170 Muskingum street.

Attend the Easter Musical at the Second Baptist church the 21st.

Misfit garments altered by Peter Schacher, the Tailor, 7 Indiana avenue.

Don't fail to ask your grocer for Parrott and Taggart's Domestic Bread.

Hear Madame Lizzie P. Dougan at the Second Baptist church on the 21st.

Clothes dyed, cleaned and repaired by Peter Schacher, the Tailor, 7 Indiana avenue.

The way the tickets are going the Easter Musicale will be a grand success.

Kid gloves cleaned and pants pressed at the Capitol City Dye Works, 132 Massachusetts avenue.

Hundreds are preparing to hear Madame Dougan on the 21st at "Old Second."

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Madame M. L. Terry of Louisville, Ky., the Queen of Song, will appear at the Easter Musicale at Second Baptist.

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The Freeman is for sale each week at the following places: Bates House Barber shop, J. J Clark, 150 Massachusetts avenue, and L. W. Green, 48 Malotte avenue.

Mt. Zion Baptist church elected the following Sunday school officers last Sunday: Supt. H. C. Turner; assistant, Miss Carrie Mays; secretary, Miss Lena McAfee; assistant, Miss Lucy Turner; treasurer, Miss Martha Miller; teachers, Misses Mary Dorsey, Mary McAfee and Mrs. Alice Thompson.

Opera Mikado.

Rehearsals are now in progress for the opera, "Mikado," which will be rendered at an early date. The direction of the choruses is in charge of G. F. Anderson, who will also take the tittle role. It will be the grandest attempt at opera ever witnessed in this city. 17-4t.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Miss Rice of Arcadia, visited Miss Ada Bagby last Saturday.

Miss Delilah Harris, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. Chas. H. Stewart.

Mrs. Perkins and two sons of Tipton, are domiciled at the residence of Mrs. A. H. Henderson.

Mrs. Sallie Robinson will spend Easter in Bloomington, the guest of her sister, Miss Cora Robinson.

Misses Nora Roberts and Dora James of Kokomo, are guests of Mrs. A. A. Taylor in North Alabama street.

Mrs, Essie Frye-Hurt will join her husband in Philadelphia after Easter, where they will make their future home.

John Kirkendall was called to the bedside of his mother, who is seriously ill at her home in Bowling Green, Ky.

Misses Eva Mitchell, Nannie Ross and Mrs. Sallie Dudley have returned from the Christian Endeavor convention at Greenfield.

Harry Hayden and Miss Ivey Dozzle were united in marriage at the brides' home in Hill avenue Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Kentucky Club of Bethel A. M. E. church will give an entertainment at Odd Fellow's Hall Tuesday evening, April 20. All are cordially invited to attend. Admission 15c.

The Sextra Feira Club met at the residence of Mrs. Alice Caldwell in Bird street. A very excellent lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Laura Wise's home in Miama street.

Miss Mitchem of New Albany, Misses L. E. McClellan, L. B. Smith and J. O. Oglesby, teachers in the Jeffersonville schools, who attended the Southern Indiana Teacher's Association at Franklin, visited friends in the city Sunday.

Miss Ella Rickman, Royal Grand Matron of the Eastern Star, and one of New Albany's efficient teachers, who attended the Teacher's Association at Franklin, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Byrd and her sister, Miss Blanche Rickman who is here attending kindergarten.

The Connecticut Club will give a Musical Social April 21, at Mrs. W. Stewart, 29 Ellen street. Those to take part are Misses Katie Clay, Ethel Nance, Allie Morton, Lucinda Edwards, Messrs. Brutus McWilliams, Plunger Quartet, Isaac Devine, Lillian Thomas-Fox, Willie Pierce. Public invited.

The marriage ceremony of Dr. Joseph Ward and Miss Mame I. Brown, Mr. Harry Cooper and Miss Jennie Waide, was solemnized in the handsome parlors of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Henderson in California street last Satu day evening at 8 o'clock, Dr. Elbert officiating. The young brides were prettily attired in white organdies, and wore neither flowers nor jewelry. Only a few relatives and immediate friends were present. The young men wore the conventional black. Dr. Ward recently graduated from the Physio-Medical college, and has a well-appointed office in Indiana Ave., while Mr. Cooper has for a number of years been in the employ of Ward Bros., wholesale druggists. Mrs. Ward has taught in the public schools three years, and has also held "cases" on The Freeman. Mrs. Cooper is possessed of many lovable and amiable qualities, and is a close student of music. A pleasant little surprise had been arranged by Miss Ella Johnson, assisted by Miss Ada Harris, to "storm" the bridal party in their cosy apartments which had previously been arranged for housekeeping in an Indiana avenue flat. A number of the Twentieth Century Club were present, of which the brides are members. An elegant lunch was served by Misses Johnson and Harris assisted by Mrs. Lillie Henderson. These young people stand high in this community, and The Freeman extends congratulations.

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Wanted—To know why colored concerts don't begin on time.

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In these days and times, parents must warn their daughters against some innocent older persons whose houses young girls are particularly fond of visiting. One half the world does not know how the other half gets along, and many a mother would be surprised to know how some acquaintance raises money to pay rent. Don't pass this hint idly by, but try to profit by it, says the Philadelphia Tribune. Indianapolis echoes, we will.

Don't forget that old adage, my dear girls, in your mad, wild rush to get a beau, "that the fruit that hangs the highest is the most sought for." Little boys never care for apples they can pick from the trees. Hang yourselves high on the limbs, and the boys will appreciate you the more.

What must we do with our young men, is a perplexing question nowadays. A large number of them are content to look swell and act sporty. Matters of weight or importance is foreign to them. This is growing to be a serious question, and the pulpit and press should arouse parents to fit their sons for the responsibilities of life.

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CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Services were well attended last Sunday, a large number of visitors being present. The pastor preached an excellent sermon, his subject being the "Communion of the Holy Spirit." Rev. A. Walker preached at evening service.

The Sunday school has been supplied with new books which will be used by the congregation in general worship.

Their will be special Easter services held to-morrow morning. Rev. Blackshear will take for his subject "The Resurrection." A choir of twenty voices will sing choice Easter anthems. At night song services by the choir. This will be a pleasing feature. Easter offerings will be made on this occasion. Public cordially invited.

JONES' TABERNACLE NOTES.

The social given by the choir was a success.

The Christian Endeavors is succeeding nicely.

Easter services will take place Sunday at 2:30 p. m , at which time we will baptize children and all adults, who want to be baptized, by pouring or sprinkling. On the 25th we will baptize with Bethel and Allen chapel by immersion at 5 a. m.

Easter Sunday night song services will be held by the choir conducted by Mrs. G. Porter, organist.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

The C. E. floral committee had the church beautifully decorated for Palm Sunday. Rev. Murray's sermon on the "Palm" was very instructive.

Rev. L. E. Christy worshiped with us last Sunday.

Third quarterly meeting, Sunday April 25th.

The spring meeting begins April 19 and continues until the 26th. Rev. J. H. Fisher, the sweet singer of Connersville, and Rev. C. C. Townsend, P. E., will assist.

The pastor's office has been beautifully carpeted by the Ladies Auxilliary Society. Mrs. Emma Dokes, chairman; Mrs. Ella Williams, superintendent.

There never assembled a more posing body of men than Company M 3rd Regiment, Indiana National Guard, that assembled in this church last Sunday afternoon to listen to a special sermon by the pastor. The company pronounced it an able effort, and as evidence of their appreciation, presented him with a good collection.

Following is the program for Easter: At 10:45 a. m., services under the auspices of the choir; at 2:45 p. m., services by the Sunday school; at 7:45 p. m., services under the auspices of forty voices. For full details of the day see the Easter Memorial.

Rev. B. V. Wilson's lecture Monday night on "Liberia" was very interesting.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Five o'clock prayer meeting was well attended last Sabbath. Rev. Carr, D. D., preached at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Collection $30.

Mrs. Griffin was at home to the Orincos in Fayette street last week. The life of Fred Douglass was discussed with interest.

Dr. Carr, Miss Tena Steele and Mr. Brewer are indisposed this week,

Don't fail to attend the Easter exercises Sunday morning. Interesting services all day.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

Easter Sunday will be a great day at the church. Birds will be singing and flowers will be blooming. Worship at 11 a. m. At 2:30 p. m. the Sunday school will render a program under the direction of Dr. Jos. Ward, superintendent. Solos by Mrs. Cathyrn Crossen-Harper and Fred Anderson. The primary department will render an interesting program under the care of experienced teachers. Miss Lillian Hill and Mrs. Finley. Rev. Hunter, one of the most noted divines of the state, will preach at 4 p. m. Music bg the S. S. orchestra.

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Dr. D. W. Scott, has the honor of being the first colored person admitted to membership in the Hartford, Conn., Aetna Life Insurance Co. He has also been appointed one of the medical examiners for the company in St. Louis. Three of St. Louis' charming colored lady teachers expect to wed this summer's vacation; this will make room for promotion among the substitutes. The Negroes expect many political city appointments, under the Mayor elect Zieenhein. At least they have received already many promises. Prof. Williams one of our very prominent principals in the colored schools, has recently introduced a new feature in school attraction, by inviting the parents and friends of the pupils, in attendance at a special arranged program, in which their children are to participate. Prof. O. M. Wood, the Haytian candidate, has the pledge of three Senators from the district, to present first of all senatorial matters to President McKinley, his name for appointment. Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Henderson, of Webster Groves, are rejoicing over the arrival of a bouncing baby girl, 12 pounds in weight. Lawyer Henderson will adopt a new law partner in this youthful personage. Mr. Silas Harris of Kansas, City, who was recently appointed by the Mayor, as resident representative of colored exhibits to the Nashville, Tenn., Centennial, was in the city last week seeing what he could do in the way of exhibits among the citizens.

It is rumored that a very charming colored society lady of Alton, Ill., will soon wed a prominent Chicago gentleman. The lady is so well known in St. Louis, her name need not be called. Edward Rodgers, a prominent colored musician of the city. and a member of Taborian band, died on the 8th, and was buried with high band honors Sunday afternoon last, from the Central Baptist church, Rev. J. L. Cohron officiating. Rusell and Jordon, colored undertakers and embalmers, have a body on hand, a colored woman, that has been successfully embalmed since Jan. 1, 1897. Hundreds have reviewed the remains The St. Louis Independent is a new journalistic adventure by a number of prominent race loving and hustling young men. Its sixth issue has put in appearance, and is well managed and full of race news and home comments. Ex-Editor in-chief W. C. Henderson of the American Eagle, is managing editor, E. W. Newsome, editor. The Freeman, holds its own, nevertheless. Mr. Brown, 2809 Laclede avenue, father of Mrs. Alice Brown Thompson, has been given up by the family physician, his recovery from a long spell of illness is considered impossible.

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